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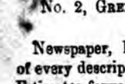

LIST OF DEPARTURES FROM BOMBAY FOR MARSEILLES & LONDON

WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT BRINDISI AND MALTA.

Date of Sailing, 2-30 P.M.	Steamer.	Tons.	Connecting at Aden with	Tons.
25th Dec.	SALSETTE	6000	MONGOLIA	9505
1910 1st Jany.	HIMALAYA	6898	.....	...
8th ,,	SALSETTE	6000	MARMORA	10509
15th ,,	ARABIA	7903	.....	...
22nd ,,	SALSETTE	6000	MOREA	10890
29th ,,	DELHI	8090	.....	...
5th Feb.	SALSETTE	6000	MOOLTAN	9621
12th ,,	INDIA	7911	.....	...
19th ,,	MANTUA	10885	.....	...
26th ,,	CALEDONIA	7568	.....	...
5th March.	SALSETTE	6000	CHINA	7912
12th ,,	PERSIA	7951	.....	...
19th ,,	SALSETTE	6000	MALWA	10883
26th ,,	ARCADIA	6803	.....	...
2nd April,	RGYPT	7912	.....	...
9th ,,	MACEDONIA	10819	.....	...
16th ,,	ARABIA	7903	.....	...
23rd ,,	SALSETTE	6000	MONGOLIA	9505
30th ,,	MANTUA	10885	.....	...
7th May.	SALSETTE	6000	MARMORA	10509
14th ,,	CALEDONIA	7568	.....	...
21st ,,	PERSIA	7951	.....	...

The above Steamers convey Passengers to Marseilles, Plymouth and London.

Passengers for Brindisi transhipped to a connecting Steamer at Port Said.

HEAVY BAGGAGE must be sent to the BALLARD PIER on FRIDAY AFTERNOON, the day previous to sailing and CABIN BAGGAGE before 9 a.m., on SATURDAY. The attention of Passengers is called to the importance of having their Baggage labelled with port of destination.

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	SINGLE	RETURN
To Marseilles	Rs. 495 or Rs. 594	Rs. 743 or Rs. 891
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Steamer.	N.R.	Month.	Port.
"Romanby"	3835	10th Jan.	Philadelphia

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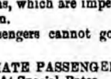

Steamer Fares to England.

	Rs. a.		Rs. a.
A. LIVERPOOL.—			
1st single	605-0	2nd single	462-0
1st return	990-0	2nd return	704-0
B. LONDON BY SEA.—			
1st single	858-0	2nd single	627-0
1st single	693-0	2nd single	528-0
1st return	1,287-0	2nd return	940-8
1st return	1,039-8	2nd return	792-0
C. LONDON VIA MARSEILLES.—			
1st single	858-0	2nd single	627-0
1st return	1,287-0	2nd return	941-0
D. LONDON VIA GENOA.—			
1st single	694-8	2nd single	451-0
1st return	1,089-0	2nd return	707-0
E. LONDON VIA TRIESTE.—			
1st single	760-0	2nd single	535-0
1st return	1,263-0	2nd return	832-0
F. WEYMOUTH (South of England)—			
1st single	400-0	and 420-0	
G. THIRD CLASS PASSAGES LONDON BY SEA.—			Rs.
Berths in general Cabin			210
,, ,, 4 Berth Cabin			225
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FOR KARACHI.

Weekly from Victoria Dock No. 14 Shed.

Steamers.	Tons.	Sailing Date.	Time.	Route via.
LINGA	2,171	Mon. 27th Dec.	11 a.m.	P.D. & C.M.
KASARA	1,195	Thur. 30th Dec.	9 a.m.	C Mandvi
LHASA	2,171	Fri. 31st Dec.	6 a.m.	Direct †

* Porebunder Dwarka, and C. Mandvie.
† Or later on arrival of English mail steamer.

FOR C. MANDVIE, KARACHI AND BUSREH (Weekly).

S. S. "KASARA," 1,195 tons, on Thursday, 30th Dec. sailing (for Mails and Passengers) at Muscat, Bushire, Mahomera, also taking Passengers and cargo on through bookings to Ahwaz and Bagdad.

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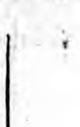

FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS.

TO MARSEILLES.

Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To Sail on THURSDAY
AUSTRALIEN	6,365	Bignier	20th Jan, 1910
CALEDONIEN	4,130	Lafont	17th Feb, ,,
DUMBEA	5,685	Rebufat	17th Mar. ,,
SYDNEY	4,118	X	14th Apr, ,,
VILLE de la CIOTAT	6,378	Barillon	12th May ,,
NERA	5,338	Martin	9th June ,,
CALEDONIEN	4,130	Lafont	7th July ,,

INTERCHANGEABLE TICKETS.

RETURN TICKETS can be made available for one way by the Messageries Maritimes, and the Return Voyage by the Austrian Lloyd's or the Navigations General Italiana's at Reduced Fares.

TO AUSTRALIA DIRECT AND THE FAR EAST, TRANSHIPPING AT COLOMBO.

Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To Sail on or about
DUMBEA	5,685	Rioufat	31st Dec. 1909.
SYDNEY	4,118	X	28th Jan. 1910.

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Vessels	Tons	Captains.	To sail on
Dec. BALDUINO	4,580	D. Maganzini	15th Janv. 1910.
R. RUBATTINO	4,580	L. Manconi	15th Feb. 1910.

RATES TO THE ABOVE PORTS INCLUSIVE OF WINE AND BEER.

	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class
Single Tickets	Rs. 600	Rs. 385	Rs. 165
Return Tickets available two years	Rs. 900*	Rs. 575	

* Inside Cabins, Rs. 500 Single and Rs. 750 Return.

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The abovementioned fares by steamer D. Balduino and R. Rubattino, will be reduced as follows from February next:—

	Single.	Return.
1st Class, Outside Cabins	Rs. 500	Rs. 750
1st Class, Inside Cabin	Rs. 400	Rs. 600
2nd Class	Rs. 350	Rs. 525

Electric fans and light in every cabin free of charge The usual comfort will be afforded to passengers.

The fares to New York will be :—1st Class, Rs. 728 ; and 2nd Class, Rs. 524.

INTERCHANGEABLE RETURN TICKETS are issued to return either by the Messageries Maritimes from Marseilles or by the Austrian Lloyd from Trieste.

BOMBAY TO COLOMBO, PENANG, SINGAPORE AND HONGKONG.

Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To sail on.
ISCHIA	8,000	G. Bisito	17th Jany 1910
CAPRI	8,000	P. Dini	17th Feb. 1910.

Fares to COLOMBO Rs. 75, to PENANG Rs. 140, to SINGAPORE Rs. 165 and to HONGKONG Rs. 220.

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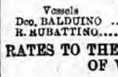

THE following Steamers will SAIL:—

Steamers	Tons.	Capt.	To Sail about
* KAISER	2,734	Von. Hoids	23rd Dec.

Taking passengers and cargo for LAMOO, MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, GERMAN and PORTUGUESE COAST PORTS and DURBAN.

* Willcarry also cargo and passengers for Cape Ports.

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Steamers.	Tons.	Captain.	Date.
CIROASSIA	6718	C F. Osborne, R. N. R.	7th Jan. 1910.
SCINDIA	5106	Wm. Kelso	19th Jan. 1910.
CASTALIA	6388	J. Hamilton	11th Feb. 1910.

HOMEWARD SEASON.

Steamer.	Tonnage.	Captain.	Leaves Bombay.
ELYSIA	6368	A. Haig	25th Feb. 1910.
MASSILIA	5091	J. Thomson	15th March ,,
OLYMPIA	5124	A. Tait	26th ,, ,,
CIRCASSIA	6716	C. F. Osborne, R.N.R.	13th April ,,
SCINDIA	5106	Wm. Kelso	23rd ,, ,,
CASTALIA	6388	J. Hamilton	8th May ,,
ELYSIA	6368	A. Haig	22nd ,, ,,

Schedule of the revised rates of fares from Bombay Homeward ports by the Anchor Line steamers :—

	Rs.
Bombay to Suez	413
Bombay to Portsaid	446
Bombay to Marseilles	578
Bombay to Liverpool	605
Bombay to London Overland from Marseilles	653
Bombay to New York	803
Bombay to Suez and back	627
Bombay to Portsaid and back	677
Bombay to Liverpool and back	990
Bombay to London via Marseilles and back from Liverpool	1,033
Bombay to New York and back	1,340

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CAPITAL CALLED UP ... „ 50,00,000
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Rs. 1,00,00,000

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PAID UP CAPITAL	£	800,000
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Lahore	Mandalay,	Mombasa,
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CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W. I. T. C.
BOMBAY, 21st December, 1909.

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135	do.	do.	...	18-40 a
97	do.	do.	...	20- 5

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88	do. do.	do. do.	...	13-33
92	do. do.	do. do.	...	17-38
130	Kurla do.	do. Kurla	...	18-28
98	Thana do.	do. Thana	...	19-58
136	do. do.	do. do.	...	20-19 b
102	do. do.	do. do.	...	22-44

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H. C. RADFORD,
for General Traffic Manager.
Bombay, 23rd December 1909.

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A. MUIRHEAD,
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BIANCHI.	—25-30 H.P., 5 seats	... ...	5,000
De. DION.	—9 H.P., 4 seats	... ...	2,100
REO	—18 H.P., 5 seats	... ...	For offers.
BEAUFORT	—8 H.P., 3 seats	... ...	2,100

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SALES BY AUCTION.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO.,
AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS,
21 MEADOWS STREET, FORT, BOMBAY.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES, situate at North Brook Street, and Lady Jamshedji Road, Mahim, out of Fort, Bombay.

Under instructions from and by the order of the transferee of the Mortgagee and on account and at the risk of the Mortgagors, Koombhar Moolji Pacha and others, the Mortgagor, and in pursuant to the power and by virtue of an Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the 20th day of August 1901, and express to be made between the said Koombhar Moolji Pacha of the one part and Luxman Moolji of the other part Messrs. SORABJEE COWASJEE and Co., Auctioneers, will, on Friday the 7th day of January, 1910, sell by Public Auction the undermentioned properties on the premises at 5 o'clock (S.T.) in the afternoon.

Particulars of Property.

Lot No. 1

All that piece or parcel of land or ground yards or thereabouts, together with all messuages, tenement or buildings standing thereon, situate lying and being on the North Brook Street, and side of Portuguese Street outside the Fort of Bombay, in the registration sub-district of Bombay, and assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 2984 and New No. 9915, and New Survey No. 5070 and assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under Ward No. 7787 [and Street No. 166-170 and bounded as follows, i-e.:—On or towards the East by the Portuguese Street, or North Brook Street, on or towards the West by a passage, on or towards the North by the property secondly described hereafter and on or towards the South by the Harji Hardass Kumbhar.

PARTICULARS OF PROPERTY.

LOT No. 2.

All that piece or parcel of land or ground, containing by admeasurement 147 3-9 Square Yards or thereabouts together with all messuages, tenement or buildings standing thereon, situate lying and being on the North Brook Street at the side of Portuguese Street outside the Fort of Bombay, in the registration sub-district of Bombay, and assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 2971, 2984 and New No. 9916, Old Survey No. 1-4387 and New Survey No. 2—2—5070, and assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under Ward No. 7783 and Street No. 173 176, and bounded as follows, i.e.:—On or towards the East by the said North Brook Street, on or towards the West by a Sweeper's passage, on or towards the North by the Raisa Raja, and on or towards the South by the property firstly above described.

PARTICULARS OF PROPERTY.

LOT No. 3.

Sale on SATURDAY, 8th day of Jaanary, 1910, at 4-30 p.m.

All that piece or parcel of land or Wadi (i.e. Oart) containing by admeasurement 2510 square yard or thereabouts, together with all messuages, tenement or buildings standing thereon, situate, lying and being on the Lady Jamsnedji Road, at Mahim, outside the Fort of Bombay in the registration sub-district of Bombay, and assessed by the Collector's Pension tax of Old No. 633 and New No. 4562, Old Survey No. 126, and New Survey No. 133, and assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under Ward No. 5713 (I) and Street No. 189, and bounded as follows, i.e.:—On or towards the East by the property of Ganpat Pandurag Venkaji, on or towards the West by the wadi (oart), on or towards the North by the Public Road, and on or towards the South partly by a wall of the said Wadi, and partly by the property of Wishwanath Wasudeo and were formerly and are now in the occupation of—

For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to Messrs. Mulla and Mulla, Solicitors for the Mortgagee at their office No. 23 Churchgate Street, Fort, Bombay, or to the undersigned Auctioneers.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & Co.,
Auctioneers.
Bombay, 24th December, 1909.

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SALES BY AUCTION.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
No. 7, MARINE STREET.

Monday next, the 27th Instant, being a Bank Holiday, our WEEKLY SALE will take place on TUESDAY, the 28th instant.

WEEKLY SALE.

On TUESDAY, the 28th Instant, at 2-30 P. M. (S.T.), Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, in Bank Street, Fort, a quantity of grey, white and coloured piece-goods and the following:—

Furniture such as sofas, chairs, writing, dressing and wash-hand tables, almirahs, cupboards, chest of drawers, safe by Godrej and Boyce, English clock, stirkes hour and half hours, large phonograph, 4 single harnesses, 2 saddles.

By order of R. D. Sethna, Esq., the Receiver, in following suits in Suit No. 141 of 1909 (Joosab Jacob vs Halimbai:—

Gold bangles, kadas, hasars, googri, vali, ear-ring, silver toda, langar, athasea, kada, etc.

In Suit No. 584 of 1906 (Fatmabai vs. Bawa Miya):—

Silver articles such as trumblers, vati, bangles, surmanadi etc., also cupboards, tables, chairs, cots, safe, crockery, glassware, chandelier, copper pots, wearing apparel.

In Suit No. 393 of 1909 (Khan Mahomed Haji vaji vs. Tyeb Haji Esmal & others:—

Watch-guard, buttons.

At 3 p.m.

Several gents' bicycles by different makers.

1—5 1-2 H. P., 1 cylinder, 2 seated, Baby Puegot, tools, motorcar, with hood lamps and complete in running order. The car may be seen at the Belsore Motor Garage, Ravlin Street, Bori Bunder.

Rubber-tyred victoria.

By order of Abdulally Essajee and Bros. and on account and at risk of Haji Hasan Haji Esac—

1 new land caulette made to order.

AUCTION SALE of Batty Fields, at Elgar, Mahad and Mani Khurds, in Salsette.

HIGH COURT O. C. J.
Suit No. 393 of 1909.
Khan Mahomed Haji Vazir
vs.
Tyeb Haji Esmail and others.

Under instructions from R. D. Sethna, Esq., the Receiver, appointed in the above suit, Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, the following batty fields, situate at Elgar, Mahad and Mani Khurda, in Salsette, at their Rooms, in Bank Street, Fort, Bombay, on the days and at the time mentioned below.

Lot No. 6.
Batty Fields at Elgar in Salsette.
On TUESDAY, the 11th day of January, 1910, at 4-30 p.m. (S. T.).

Particulars:—All that piece or parcel of batty field, bearing Survey No. 149, Pot No. 1, Falni No. nil, admeasuring 1 acre and 3 gunthas (out of which 3 gunthas have not been assessed by Government as being waste land), pays the yearly assessment of Rupees 1-1-0, situate at Varangel, in the Registration Sub-district of Salsette, District Thana, and bounded on the east and west by land belonging to Phillips Souz, on the south by the land of Moroba Anandji, and on the north by Government land.

Lot No. 7.
Batty Fields at Mahad.
On TUESDAY, the 11th day of January, 1910, at 5 p.m. (S. T.)

Particulars:—All that batty land or ground situate at Mahad, in the Taluka, and Registration Sub-district of Salsette, district Thana, bearing Survey No. 58, Pot No.—Falni No. 1, admeasuring 8 acres and 24 gunthas (out of which 11 gunthas have not been assessed by Government as being waste land) pays yearly assessment at Rupees 11, together with a well and trees therein, and bounded on the east by Government Foras, on the north partly by the property of Moroba Anant and partly by the property of Abdul Mahomed Asar Khoja, on the West by sea shore, and on the south by the property of Moroba Anant.

Lot No. 8.
Batty Fields at Mani Khurda.
On TUESDAY, the 11th day of January, 1910, at 5-15 p. m. (S. T.)

Particulars:—All these batty fields and lands situate at Mani Khurda, in the Registration Sub-District of Salsette, Zilla Thana, bearing following numbers:—

Survey No.	Plot No.	Falni No.	Acre	Gunthas	Tax.
89					
89	0	2	0	16	1 0 0
89	0	3	0	10	0 8 0
90	1	0	1	4½	8 0 0
90	3	0	0	36½	6 0 0
90	6	0	0	9½	1 8 0
90	0	1	0	21	1 0 0
90	0	2	0	13	0 12 0
140	0	1	0	8	0 8 0

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to Messrs. Payne and Co., Solicitors, for the Receiver, at their office, No. 18, Esplanade Road, Fort, or to the undersigned.

SALE OF VERY valuable properties known as "Watson's Hotel Annexe" and the "Watson's" or "Esplande Hotel" in Bombay.

In the High Court of Judicature at Bombay.
Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction,
Suit No. 668 of 1909.

Raja Bahadur Narsingirji Giangirji of Hyderabad, Deccan.....Plaintiff.
vs.
1 Syed Sirdar Ali Khan, Executor of the last Will of Nawab Syed Abdul Hakkarnalker, Sirdar Diler-ul-Mulk Bahadur, and
2. Haji Jackeria Haji Ahmed Patel.....Defendants.

Under instructions from and by order of Limji N. Banaji, Esquire, the Receiver appointed in the above suit by an order of the High Court, dated the 11th November, 1909, and 2nd December, 1909, respectively, and pursuant to the directions contained in the said order, Messrs. CRAWFORD and COMPANY, Auctioneers, will, on SATURDAY, the 15th day of January, 1910, at 4 o'clock (S. T.) in the afternoon, put up for sale by Public Auction at the premises as a going concern, the very valuable property known as the Watson's Hotel Annexe, situate at Apollo Bunder Road in Bombay, consisting of the immovable property described in the first schedule hereto, together with the entire stock of the furniture, crockery, cutlery, glassware, electric and other fittings, engines and dynamos, used in connection with the business of the said Hotel, together also with the Good Will of the said business and will also on MONDAY the 17th day of January 1910 at the same hour similarly put up for sale as a going concern at the premises the very valuable property known as the "Watsons" or "Esplanade Hotel" situate at the Esplande Road, in Bombay, consisting of the immovable property described in 2nd schedule hereto, together with the entire stock of the furniture, crockery, fittings, Good Will as aforesaid.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

All that right, title and interest of the parties to the above suit in all and singular the leasehold land and hereditaments, comprised in and demised by the Indenture of Lease, dated the 22nd December, 1885, and made between the Trustee of the Port of Bombay of the one part and

DAILY MARKET REPORT.

LONDON, December 22.

Consols 2 1/2 per cent.	82 7/8 + 1/4
Exchange on London at Paris Fcs...	25-20 1-2 – 0-11-2
Rentes 3 per cent.	98 3-4unchgd
Berlin Cheques on London. ...	20-46 –0 1/2
Bar Silver Spot.	24 3/16+1-8
Do. 2 months hence.	24 3/16+1/8
Closing Tone of Silver. Steady.	
Rupee Paper 3 1/2 per cent. ...	62 1-2 unchgd
Exchange on India 30 days' sight (Bank buying rate).	1 3 15 1/2
Discount, Bank of England Rate 4 1-2 per cent. since 9th December.	
Amount Paid into the Bank of England abont £ 300,000.	
3 1/2 per cent. Indian Stock (Sterling Loan)	97 3/4—1/2
Discount Bank Bills 3 months' sight...	3 7/8 unchgd
Do. Indian Bank Bills 6 months' sight	3 3/8—1/8
Do. Fine Trade Bills 3 months...	4 3/8 unchgd
Do. Fine Trade Bills 6 months...	4 3/8 unchgd.
Bar Gold (per oz.)	77/9 unchgd.
Interest day to-lay loans ...	4 1-8—1/8
Do. of day market loans ...	4 3/8 unchgd

MANCHESTER, December 22.

COTTON.

	Bales.
Total Day's Sales at Liverpool ...	6,000
Do. Day's Sales on Spot and for Exp. ...	...
Do. do. called	2,000
Do. Day's Sales of East Indian ...	50
Do. Day's Imports...	3,000
Tone of Liverpool Cotton Spot— ...	Quiet
Do. of Liverpool Cotton Futures ...	Quiet.
Do. of Liverpool Cotton East Indian...	Quiet.
Tone of Manchester Market.	Quiet.
Mid-Americans	5-18 +10
Egyptian F. G. F.	13 5/8+3/8

	D.-J.	J.-F.	F.-M.	M.-A.	A.-M.
Cotton Delivery	8·01	8·02	8·05	8·08	8·09
Mid. Uplands	+9	+7	+7	+7	+6
G. O. C. Liverpool	M.-J.	J.-J.	J.-A.	A.-S.	
	8·10	8·09	8·08	7·79	
	+6	+6	+6	+6	

LONDON, December 22.

ADDITIONAL QUOTATIONS.

Good Bengal	5 12-32
F G Bengal	5 16-32
Fine Bengal	5 20-32
Good Bhownugger	5 30-32
F G Bhownuggar	6 2-32
Fine Bhownuggar	6 6-32
Fine M G Bhownuggar... ...	6 6-32
Good Oomra	6
F G Oomra	6 4-32
Fine Oomra	6 8-32
Good M G Oomra	6
Fine M G Oomra	6 8-32
Good Broach	7 6-32
F G Broach	7 11-32
Fine Broach	7 16-32
Good Khandeish	5 30-32
F G Khandeish...	6 2-32
F G F Tinnevelly, Liverpool C I F	6 23-32
Buyers o. Sellers	Sellers.
Months	April-May.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

NEW YORK, December 22.

COTTON :—

Day's Receipts at all U. S. Ports ...	38,000
Do. Exports to Great Britain ...	14,000
Do. Exports to Continent	5,000
Futures at New York..... Jan. 15-23+ 9	Advanced on Spinners reported to be bidding more freely and on firm New Orleans market.
Do at New York..... May 15-92+10	
Spot Cotton at New York	15·75+35
Fair Rio Coffee (No. 7 quality) ...	8 5-8 unchgd
Demand Bills	4·87 3-4—3/8
Silver Commercial Bars ...	52 5-8+1-4
Spot Cotton at New Orleans ...	15 5-16+1-8
Tone of Spot Cotton	Steady.
Futures at New Orleans ...	Jan. 15·41+5
Do. at New Orleans ...	May 15·24+7

LINSEED.

LONDON, December 22.

Linseed Argentine (La Plata) 52 3/4	
" " months, Dec.-Jan.	
" " Ports, Dunkirk.	
" " Buyers, sellers, &c., Sellers.	

WHEAT.

LONDON, December 22.

AUSTRALIAN.

Rapeseed—Bombay Yellow Gujarat ex-ship	43 3/4
Do. Months—Dec-Jan.	
Do. Name of Ports—Antwerp.	
Do. Whether Buyers, or Sellers, etc.—Buyers.	
Wheat Choice White Karachi, per 492lbs C.I.F...	41 1-2
Do. Months—Dec.-Jan.	
Do. Name of Ports—London	
Do. Whether Buyers or Sellers, etc.—Sellers.	

RUBBER.

Para Rubber 7-7 —Value.

SUGAR.

Sugar—15 5 3-4—May-August—Dull.

ARRIVALS.—"Calyx" "Armand Behic."

BOMBAY, December 23.

COUNCIL BILLS.

The bills were alloted as under :—

Amount paid into the Bank of England £300,000.

Amount offered Rs. 1,00,00,000

Rs. 13,40,000	were alloted to	Calcutta
" 7,30,000	"	to Bombay
" 7,70,000	"	to Madras
Total Rs. 28,40,000	at	1s. 4 3-32d.

Tenderers at this rate received 15 per cent. above that rate in full.

Average rate of allotment, Calcutta and Bombay, 16'09.

Rs. 16,00,000	to Calcutta
" 47,30,000	to Bombay
" 8,20,000	to Madras
Total Rs. 71,50,000	Telegraphic Transfers at 1s. 4 1-8d.

Tenderers at this rate received 15 per cent. above that rate in full.

Average rate of allotment, Calcutta and Bombay, 16'13.

The total amount of Council Bills sold during the week ending Tuesday, including last public sales Rs. 99,40,000.

Next week's allotment Rs. 10,000,000.

MONEY.

The cash balance of the Bank of Bengal is 41 lakhs down, but there is no change in the rate of interest.

EXCHANGE.

There is no change in the market, but the tone is firm and T. T. was quoted 1s. 4 1-8d. and demand could be had at 1s. 4 5-32d. and three months' sight credits at 1s. 4 3-8d.

We quote :—

T. T. on London	1s. 4 1/8d.
Demand Do.	1s. 4 5/32d.
3 m/s. credits	1s. 4 3/8d.
" Francs	171 3/4
Francs Demand	169 1/8
3 m/s Marks	140
Demand Marks	167 1/2
30 d/s. Hongkong ...	131 3/4
" Shanghai	175 1/2
" Japan	149 1/2

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

Market was steady throughout the day and prices remain at the close Rs. 93-2.

BULLION.

Bar Silver in London advanced by 1-8 at 24 3-16 both for ready and forward and New York was up by 1-4 cent at 52 5-8. Private advices were that market was "steady." There are more buyers than sellers in the market which maintains the price. For cash there is a good demand. In gold there is no prospect of any improvement at present in the local market as up-country demand is practically at a standstill.

We quote :—

GOLD.

	Rs.	a.	p.
97 touch Fakirsett...	23	9	9
97 touch Chintoo	23	4	0
National Bank	24	0	0
Chartered Bank	24	0	0
Sovereigns Shield	15	2	0
Do Dragon	15	0	0
Australian	24	0	0

SILVER.

	Rs.	a.	p.
17 1/2 Penny	63	7	0
17 Penny ready	63	6	0
Mint Settlement	63	7	0
Second	63	13	0

SEEDS AND WHEAT.

Market : London quotations for linseed remain unchanged. Rapeseed was 3d. down and prices in wheat were down by 3d. Prices in linseed locally declined by one anna as there was no demand for ready goods and there were more sellers for forward contracts. There was a rise of a half to one anna in prices of wheat and rapeseed on account of demand for both ready and forward. Castor and poppyseeds remain unchanged. Gingelly and cottonseed not being inquired after, have dropped by eight annas.

We quote :—

Description.		Rate.
Linseed, Bold ...	...	Rs. 10 2
Linseed, Small ...	...	" 10 0
RAPESEED—		
Brown Cawnpore ...	...	Rs. 6 7
" Katni ...	...	" 6 8 to 6 11
Yellow do. ...	...	" 7 1
Do. Gujarat ...	...	" 7 4
Poppyseed ...	...	" 9 8
Castorseed ...	...	" 32 to 34
Mowraseed... ...	...	" 6 3
Maize	...	" 21 1/2 to 22 1/4
Groundnuts ...	...	" 35 to 40
Mustardseed ...	...	" 83 to 87
Khandesh Howri ...	...	" 43 to 44 1/2
Do. Meggi ...	...	" 42 to 44
Do. Yellow Hinganghat ...	...	" 46 to 47
Do. Black Kutni ...	...	" 36 to 38
WHEAT—		
Choice Pissi ...	...	" 36 to 42
Khandwa ...	...	" 45 to 52
Yellow... ...	...	" 38 to 44

Summary of Daily Arrivals of Wheat and Seed by rail and sea during the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m. on Wednesday, 22nd December :—

Wheat	2,845 cwts.
Linseed	1,666 "
Rape, Rai and Mustardseed ...	100 "
Gingellyseed	52,711 "
Poppyseed	15 "
Groundnuts	6,043 "
Castorseed	3,151 "
Rice	6,082 "
Myrabollams	5,289 "
Cottonseed...	54,347 "
Mowraseed...	902 "
Gram	756 "
Joowar	441 "
Maize	808 "

SPINNINGS.

Petits opened at Rs. 3,500 but gradually declined to Rs. 3,450 but they again advanced to Rs. 3,490 at the close. For February very little is done.

The bazaar is regulated by the Bulls who hold a large portion in their hands.

We quote :—

Davids	360
Currimbhoy	1,077 1/2
Framji Petits	1,725
Colaba	1,075
Kohinoor	655
Nagpore	1,565
Swadeshi...	1,150

COTTON.

Liverpool was up to-day by 10 points at 8-18 and for forward 7 to 10 points up and New York was up by 35 cents. for ready at 15-75 and futures January and May were up by 10 and 7 cents at 15 28 and 15-92 respectively.

Last night, Marwarees quoted Broach good at Rs. 305 1-2/306 but in the morning prices went up from Rs. 306 to Rs. 308 and the closing rate at Colaba was Rs. 309 to Rs. 310.

Speculators have done business, even at these rates and it is to be seen how matters take a turn.

Firms who had entered into forward contracts are pocketing the difference.

In ready prices have advanced by Rs. 3-4 over last prices.

Tone of the market is very firm.

We learn of the following purchases effected to-day :—

100	Khandeish	...Blaschcck Co ...	268
100	Mansur	...Volkart Bros ...	288
400	Khandeish	... do ...	265
800	Sawginned good,...Japan Cotton Trading Co ...		311 May
200	Akola ... do	...	282
300	Wardha ... do	...	294
200	Malkapore ...Colaba Land Mills...		277
200	Dhamangaon ... do	...	280
200	Bilokpore ...Ralli Bros	...	281
200	Bengal ...E. Spinner & Co ...		268

We quote :—

	Dec. Rs.	Jan. Rs.
Bengal Fine ...	263	263
" F. Good ...	256	249
Khandesh Fine ...	266	262
" F. Good...	260	253
Amraoti Fine ...	280	275
Akola Khangaum Fine...	282	277
Dhamangaon Poolgaon Fine...	286	280
Yeotmal Fine ...	290	285
Nagpore Fine ...	295	293
Wardha Hinganghat Fine...	296	292
Methia Fine ...	266	262
Broach Fine ...	333	March
" Gin Good ...	308	"
Sawginned " ...	309	May
Westerns ginned machine	300	"
Coompta " ...	315	"

Daily arrivals of Cotton by rail and sea during 24 hours ending at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 22nd Dec. :—

Khandesh	7,185 Bales.
Central India	603 "
Barsi and Nagur	851 "
Berar	5,740 "
Central Provinces	1,881 "
Oomras	15,272 "
Dholera	1,284 "
Coompta and Dharwar ...	78 "
Bengals (N. W. P.)	2,749 "
Bengals (Rajputana)	2 "
Sind	1,055 "
Persian...	59 "
Total	21,499 Bales.

LIVERPOOL, December 23.

Opening Tone and Prices.	
Opening Tone	Steady.
Estimated Sales	4,000
Total Imports	6,000
Future Delivery Prices :—	
Dec.—Jan. ...	8·03 +2
Jan.—Feb. ...	8·03 +1
Feb.—Mar. ...	8·06 +1
Mar.—Apl. ...	8·09 +1
Apl.—May. ...	8·10 +1
May—June ...	8·11 +1
June—July ...	8·10 +1
July—Aug. ...	8·09 +1
Aug.—Sept. ...	7·90 +1

FREIGHTS.

Business done on a small scale only, but market closes very steady.

Ports.	This month.	Next month.
Antwerp	15 6	15 6
Dunkirk	15 6	15 6
Havre	16 0	16 0
Hull	15 6	15 0
Liverpool	16 0	15 6
Marseilles	16 0	15 6
Genoa	15 6	15 0
London... ...	.....	.....
Hamburg	15 6	15 6
Trieste	.....	17 0
Venice	.....	.....
Open Ports ...	...Feb. to May ...	15 6

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Tuesday, December 21.

GOLD.

No. of Packages.	Bullions. Rs.	Sovs. and half Sovs. Rs.	Coin. Other coin. Rs.
2 Boxes ...	1,53,600	...	...
1 Parcel ...	...	11,385	3,274

SILVER.

No. of packages	Bullions. Rs.	Coin. Govt. of India Rs.	Other coin. Rs.
2 Bundles		4,400	...
1 Parcel		43	...
2 Bundles		2,680	...
1 Bundle		1,000	...
1 do		650	...
1 do		1,500	...
2 Bundles		2,000	...
22 Packages		44,650	...
1 Parcel ...	8	...	...

Importers.	Vessels.	From.
Mercantile Bank of India Ltd	Salsette	London
Aboody Menashee Meer ...	Kola	Bussrah
M. Ooben and Fils ...	Africa	Trieste
M. Mackenzie & Co ...	Kaisra	Muscat
Do	do	Gwadur
Do	do	Dwarka
Do	do	Abass
Do	do	Bushire
Sundry Importers	do	Dubai
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation ...	Arabia	London

EXPORTS OF BAR SILVER FROM BOMBAY By Rail on 21st December 1909.

By	Bars.	Ounces.
G. I. P. Railway ...	62	72 514
B. B. & C. I. Railway...	70	81,586

DAILY EXPORTS.—DEC. 23.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

City of Madras s—100 bales sawri cotton, N Damji; 50 bales cotton, D D Curranee and Co; 4 bales silk waste, J Narandas; 300 bales hemp, P Bhimji; 6 bales silk waste, Killick Nixon and Co; 9,045 cwts myrabollams, E Oomersey; 1,040 cwts myrabollams, A Khimji; 105 cwts gram, R Damji and Co; 100 cwts kajoo, G Sojpal; 475 bales cotton Gaddum and Co.

Clan Macdonald s—1,995 cwts maize, E D Sassoon and Co; 200 bales cotton, Gill and Co; 193 bales hemp, P Bhimji; 800 bales cotton Glazbrook and Co; 400 cwts dillseed, and 201 cwts kany J Lackmidas 201 cwts nigerseed, 201 cwts kardeseed and 500 dillseed, Baur and Krause; 306 cwts gum, S Cooverji and Co; 19,998 cwts maize, Sanday and Co.

Circassia s—80 bales wool, David Sassoon and Co; 360 cwts cow horns and 100 cwts animal hoofs, E C Nanji; 66,000 cwts cottonseed, L Drefuse and Co.

FOR LONDON.

Arabia s—893 cwts maize Ralli Bros.

Himalaya s—4 bales carpets, G Snchidina and Co; 12,900 cwts muscor, Ralli Bros; 14 bales cow hides, P E Boyce and Sons; 1 bale carpet Latham and Co; 348 cwts condiments, M Poonjiaji and Sons; 14 cases opium, P and O S N Co; 30 cwts fishmaws, 100 cwts deer horns, and 260 cwts buffalo horns, J M Rahimtoola; 14 bales carpets, H G H Mahomed and Sons; 70 cwts chutney F Nowroji; 100 cwts deer horns, H A Oomer; 2,080 cwts myrabollams, E Oomersey; 10 cwts Bombay ducks 5 cwts condiments, N K Jassawalls.

FOR NEW YORK.

Himalaya s—4 bundlei mats, F N Bhamgars; 4 bales carpets, Latham and Co.

Circassia s—80 casks goat skins, H M Halim.

FOR GLASGOW.

Circassia s—200 cwts coir yarn, V Harridas.

FOR HULL.

Hindoo s—23,562 cwts cottonseed, A Khimji.

Kingmalcolm s—12 cwts cottonseed, E Oomersey.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Ancroft s—2,000 cwts castorseed, N Laloobhai; 250 tons manganese ore, S Smidt and Co; 110 bales cotton and 402 cwts mustardseed, A Blaschek and Co.

Wooda s—175 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co.

FOR PHILADELPHIA.

Circassia s—115 casks goat skins, Enrico N Stein.

FOR BARCELONA.

Circassia s—250 bales cotton, B Spinner and Co.

FOR HAVRE.

Clan MacDonald s.—1935 bales cotton, Prier de Saone and Co; 2,002 cwts linseed, D Sassoon and Co; 520 bales cotton, The Bombay and Co; 1,002 cwts mustardseed, J Fachiri; 66 bales hemp, E Oomersey; 209 cwts gum, S Cooverji and Co; 5 bales cotton prints, S J Tellary; 105 cwts gum, P Jaithabhoy; 2,000 cwts linseed and 10 bales cotton, Volkert and Bros.

FOR ANTWERP.

Culna s.—8 cwts bone meal, C Mody and Co; 220 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co; 220 bales cotton, The Bombay and Co.

BARROW IN FURNESS.

Amatonga s.—1,600 tons manganese ore, R A Willis.

FOR HAMBURG.

Kybfels s.—500 cwts myraboiams, T Canji; 46 bales cow hides, Nizamuddin and Co; 1,656 bales cotton fly, W Wolf and Sons; 111 bales cotton, A Moritz and Co; 4,002 cwts gingellyseed, E D Sassoon and Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

China s.—665 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

Africa s.—224 bales cotton, The Bombay and Co; 165 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co; 2,041 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

FOR VARNA.

Africa s—10 bales twist, A Schweiyer and Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Circassia s—840 cwts costorseed; 4,000 cwts groundnuts and 1,000 cwts mowraseed, L Drefuse and Co.

FOR VENICE.

Africa s—515 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

China s—206 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

FOR BREMEN.

Kybfels s—2,001 cwts gingellyseed, E D Sassoon and Co; 165 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

FOR BEYROUTH.

Africa s—31 bales twist, S J David and Co.

FOR ALEXANDRETTA.

Africa s—221 bales twist, S J David and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Arcadia s—55 cases opium, P and O S N & Co.

Varwaerts s—500 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

FOR KOBE.

Bombay Maru s—269 bales cotton, M B Kaisha.

Kintail s—2,500 bales cotton, S J David and Co; 800 bales cotton, Tata Sons and Co.

Vermont s—700 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co; 428 bales cotton, M B Kaisha; 2,400 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

Vorwaerts s—550 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

Purley s—1,140 bales cotton, Tata Sons and Co; 100 bales cotton, Glazebrook and Co; 2,000 bales cotton, M B Kaisha; 500 bales cotton, B Jairaj and Co; 600 bales cotton, R D Master and Co; 1,800 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

Purley s—200 bales cotton, D D Curonee and Co; 300 bales cotton, Glazebrook and Co; 500 bales cotton, M B Kaisha.

FOR YOKKAICHI.

Bombay Maru s—62 bales cotton, M B Kaisha.

FOR MOJI.

Bombay Maru s—302 bales chtton. M B Kaisha.

FOR OSAKA.

Purley s—700 bales cotton, M B Kaisha; 460 bales cotton, Tata Sons and Co; 400 bales cotton, R D Master and Co; 200 bales cotton, B Shamji and Co; 300 bales cotton, Glazebrook and Co; 300 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

Vermont s—300 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co.

Bombay Maru s—421 bales cotton, The Japan Cotton Trading and Co.

Kintail s—300 bales cotton, Tata Sons and Co.

IMPORTS.

City Line Company's steamer City of Madras, 3,048 tons, Captain C Macfee, arrived in harbour on Thursday from Liverpool with the following cargo :—

508 twist, 40 lead ore, 2 sealing wax, 140 paper, 25 tinplates, 105 cigarettes, 15 glue 11 tobacco and cigarettes, 10 beer, 158 paint, 471 candles, 16 spun silk, 127 tallow, 10 lubricating oil, 203 linseed oil 400 copper sheet, 409 soap, 130 aniline salt, 290 buckets, 50 writing slates, 126 bottles, 125 gum, 238 soda, 381 brandy, 35 drugs, 47 rosin, 59 pelitary roots, 50 raisins, 1,303 cottons.

S. S. Ascot 2,786 tons Captain J B Booth arrived in harbour on Thursday from Cardiff with a cargo of coal.

S. S. Dandolo 3194 tons, Captain E Giacopello arrived in harbour on Thursday from Venice with the following cargo:—72 twist,469 aniline, dye, 184 beads, 10 gold stones, 180 marbles, 10 silk waste yarn, 40 soap, 225 almonds, 3,708 planks, 550 sulpher, 196 cotton.

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES

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BOMBAY.

DEATH.

FRASER—December 23, at St. George's Hospital, from Typhoid, Alice Marian, the dearly loved wife of Donald Fraser. Funeral at 4 p m. this Friday evening from Hospital, arriving Sewri at 5 p. m.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

MARRIAGES.

CRUSHA—HARDMAN—December 18, at All Saints' Church, Coonoor, S. India, J. W. Crusha, to Geraldine Winifred, youngest daughter of the late Rev. J. W. Hardman, LL.D., of Cadbury House, Yatto, Somerset.

JOBSON—HISCOX—December 20, at Holy Emmanuel Church, South Georgetown, Madras, by the Rev. B. D. Beeley, Chaplain, Herbert Thomas Jobson, Operator, Cable Department, to Clara Esther, second daughter of Inspector J. A. Hiscox, Madras City Police, and Mrs. Hiscox.

DEATHS.

CROSS—December 11, at Ootacamund, Captain A. J. Cross, South Indian Railway, from injuries received in an accident.

DIACON—December 14, at Bannu, from enteric fever, Minnie Charlotte, the dearly beloved wife of Park Sergeant A. W. Diacon.

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BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 7h. 8m.; Sun sets, 6h. 8m.; High water, 8-49m.; 10-6a.; Low water, 3-0m., 3-4a.

Christmas Eve. Dance and Supper, Taj Mahal Hotel.

Pollard Opera Company, "The Girl from Paris," Empire Theatre, 9-30. p.m.

Excelsior Cinematograph, 7, 8-30 and 10 p. m.

Skating Rink, Cruickshank-road, 6 to 8 p. m. and 9-30 to 11-30 p. m.

Maxim : "It is good to begin well, but better to end well."

THE WEEK'S CALENDER.

Saturday, December 25.—Christmas Day, Pollard Opera Compay, "The Girl from Paris," 5 p. m. and "The Run-away Girl," 9-30 p.m. Empire Theatre. Sun rises, 7h. 9m.; Sun sets, 6h. 9m.; High water, 9-45m., 10-54a.; Low water, 3-57m., 3-49a.

A CANDIDATE FOR THE CORPORATION.—The Hon. Sir Pherozeshah M. Mehta has come forward as a candidate for the new Corporation on behalf of the Justices of the Peace.

CHRISTMAS TREE ENTERTAINMENT.—The annual Christmas treat to the children of the members of the Indian Telegraph Recreation Club of Bombay was given yesterday afternoon, when a number of children were taken to Marine Lines for some open-air sports. They were then brought back to the quarters where the fruits of the Christmas tree were enjoyed and admired by the young ones. Tea and cakes were served out and the children parted with wishes of a merry Christmas.

TAXI-CABS IN BOMBAY.—Taxi-cabs have at last arrived in Bombay to ply for public hire. One hundred and fifty cabs, elegant in appearance, will arrive from London and Paris. Taxi-cabs commenced running this week, and thirty more will run in the next two weeks. An addition of forty per month will be made in the following months until 150 cabs will be running in the month of April 1910. After a short time, second class cabs will also be introduced at lower charges.

PARSI BUILDING FUND.—At the ceremony of the opening the two new buildings for poor Parsis performed by H. E. the Governor on Monday last, Khan Bahadur M. C. Marzban, the Secretary to the Committee of the Fund for providing residences for poor Parsis, announced that in commemoration of the visit paid by His Excellency that day, Mrs. Jerbai Hormusji Dadachandji, one of the donors who has paid Rs. 38,000 for one of the buildings, had sent him a sum of Rs. 500 as a contribution to the general fund of the Committee.

SOCIAL CONFERENCE.—It is proposed to hold a Visnagara Nagar (Social) Conference at a centre convenient to all the members of the community. Endeavours are being made by the Nagar Sabha, Ajmer, to invite opinions and suggestions from all concerned and it may perhaps have not been possible to send the "question papers" which have been issued to all of them. It is, therefore, requested that those that are unaware of this movement and come across this para. will kindly put themselves in communication with the President, Nagar Sabha, Ajmer.

SPECULATING AT HIS MASTER'S COST.—Mr. Madhuram Bhagwandas, a merchant trading in Bombay and Amritsar, is alleged to have been robbed by his moonim of Rs. 23,500. The complainant having received certain information at Amritsar arrived in Bombay to find that his moonim had absconded from Bombay taking away the keys of his safe. The police were informed and the safe was opened in the presence of a "Panch." A memo purported to be written by the moonim was found, stating that he had lost the amount in speculation.

POLLARD'S LILLIPUTIAN OPERA COMPANY.—To-night this Company which consists of fifty brilliant artistes open their short season in Bombay at the Empire Theatre with the well-known play, "The Girl from Paris," Mr. Maurice E. Bandman with his characteristic enterprise and anxiety to fill the void at Merry Christmas Tide, has brought out this Company and we are sure the public will appreciate the efforts of Mr. Bandmann. The same play, which never fails to attract crowded houses, will be repeated to-morrow, Christmas Day, and there will also be a Matinee performance at 5 p.m. to enable the young folk to enjoy the afternoon at the Theatre.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE INDIA CONGRESS.—A hitch somewhat similar to that which has arisen in the present year in connection with the Presidentship of the Indian Congress occurred in the year 1892. The month of December had commenced but no Congress President could be elected. The friends of the Congress got alarmed as no suitable president could be found on the spur of the moment At last the late Mr. W. C. Bonnerji saved the situation by coming forward at some personal sacrifice to preside over the deliberation of the Congress. Again in 1900, when the Congress met a second time in Lahore, there was a difficulty with regard to the election of a president. The Congress Committee had chosen the late Pundit Bishmanath as president for that year, but he declined the honour with thanks. The post was offered to other prominent Congressmen, including the Hon. Sir Perozeshah Mehta, but it was not accepted. The month of December had arrived when the post was offered to Mr. Chandavarkar, then a pleader of the Bombay High Court, and was accepted by him. Soon after, his appointment to the Bench of the High Court raised an unexpected difficulty. Consultations followed with the result that Mr. Justice Chandavarkar bravely went to Lahore and presided at the Congress meetings in that year.

MATHERAN MUNICIPALITY.

It is published for the information of the public that the following gentlemen have been nominated as candidates for the Commissionerships on the Matheran Municipality :—Mr. Bezunji Sorabji Chinai. Mr. Sorabji Limji Panday. Mr. Ardesir Dadabhai Ghandy.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

HIGH COURT.

SALE OF THE TRICUMDASS MILLS.

Before Mr. Justice Macleod.

For the Liquidator : the Hon'ble Mr. C. H. Setalwad, instructed by Messrs. Payne and Coy.

For the Purchaser : Mr. M. A. Jinnah, instructed by Messrs. Payne and Coy.

For the Hon'ble Sir Sassoon J. David : Mr. F. B. Raikes, instructed by Messrs. Wadia, Ghandy and Coy.

For the Bank of India : Mr. Craigie, of Messrs. Craigie, Flunt and Carol.

His Lordship yesterday heard arguments in chambers on the application of the Hon'ble Sir Sassoon J. David for the revocation of the confirmation order on the private sale of the Tricumdass Mills to Messrs. E. D. Sassoon and Coy. for Rs. 15,25,000 including Rs. 24,000 brokerage.

Mr. Raikes said that on the last day, his client's was the highest verbal as well as the written offer.

Mr. Setalwad and Mr. Jinnah asked the Court to confirm the sale.

Mr. Craigie supported Mr. Raikes, who said that if the sale was revoked, his client was ready to pay Rs. 15,50,000.

His Lordship confirmed the sale.

BREACH OF AGREEMENT.

Six Months' Salary Awarded.

Before Mr. Justice Macleod.

JAMES MACDONALD VS. ALSOCK ASHDOWN AND CO.

For the Plaintiff : Mr. M. R. Jardine with Mr. G. R. Lowndes, instructed by Mr. S. A. Tyebji.

For the Defendant : Mr. L. J. Robertson with the Hon'ble the Advocate-General, instructed by Messrs. Crawford Brown and Co.

His Lordship heard the arguments counsel on the question of damages in this case in which it was held that the plaintiff was wrongfully dismissed by the defendant company.

Mr. Jardine claimed salary for 19 months plus the second class passage to England, the sum amounting to about Rs. 8,000.

Mr. Robertson said that no case had been cited in support of the claim. He submitted that the utmost he was entitled to was the pay for the length of time that he would take to get employed.

His Lordship passed a decree in favour of the plaintiff for six months' salary plus Rs. 1,070, observing that the plaintiff was entitled to receive damages for that period only that he would take to get himself employed. The defendants were ordered to pay all the plaintiff's costs except the costs of one day.

MARINE COURT OF INQUIRY.

Grounding of the "Ahmadi"

A Marine Court of Inquiry, consisting of Mr. A. H. S. Aston Chief Presidency Magistrate, (Chairman), Captain C. F. Osborne, R.N.R. Master of the s.s. "Circassia" and Captain William Hughes, Master of the s.s. "Woods," yesterday conducted an inquiry at the Esplanade Police Court, attending the circumstances attending the wreck of the s.s. "Ahmadi" on Ras Serain Point on the Island of Mombasa, on the 16th November.

As the question of the cancellation or suspension of the certificates of the Captain and officers of the "Ahmadi" was likely to be involved, the Court appointed Captain Elton and Captain Peabody as assessors.

Mr. E. F. Nicholson, Public Prosecutor, appeared for Government, Mr. Jones, Solicitor, was for Captain T. L. Green, Master of the s. s. "Ahmadi," and Mr. Cohen, Barrister-at-Law, represented the Bombay and Persia S. N. Company, the owners of the vessel.

Mr. D. F. Vines, Assistant Port Officer, Bombay, was present to watch the proceedings.

Mr. Nicholson, in opening the inquiry said that this inquiry was ordered by Government to inquire into the cause of the loss at the S. S. "Ahmadi," belonging to the Bombay and Persia S. N. Company, which was wrecked on Rai Serain Point near the Port at Mombasa. Ras Serain was the Point to the eastward of the channel, which leads to Mombasa town, and upon it is a fixed light of fifteen miles range. There were two other fixed lights showing the way to Kalidani.

Ras Seram was to the south of Mombasa town. The two fixed lights showed the way to the channel. There were two other fixed lights to the north which were lighted only occasionally and they had not been lighted on this particular occasion, therefore, when the vessel approached Mombasa from Zanzibar the only lights visible would be the light in Ras Serain and the two fixed lights leading into the channel. The Captain said that before leaving Zanzibar he sent a telegram to Mombasa to have the

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H. M. S Persens.....Capt F G Bird.....R Navy
H. M. S Proserpine...Capt J T Marshall.....R Navy
H. M. S Sphinx...Comdr N Harvey .....R Navy

IN THE STREAM

H. M. S. Hyacinth.....Capt Dick .....Flagship

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—Dec 23.

Arcadia.....2093 Wooster .....W & A Graham & Co
Assaye.....4359 Jones .....P & O S N Co
Ascot.....2786 Booth.....
Brilliant.....8609 Morrison.....Standard Oil Co
Britannia.....1969 Hales .....Bo & H S & Co
Blake ....2896 Hill .....W & A Graham & Co
Barenfels.....3466 Engelage.....W & A Graham & Co
Begum .....2042 Nicoll .....T M & Co
Caledonia.....3529 W Hayward.....P & O S N Co
City of Madras.....3048 Macfee...Killick Nixon & Co
Dandola.....3197 Giacopello.....R Rubattino & Co
Elizabeth .....2876 Fajsach .....Ralli Bros
Elsa.....4066 Peabody.....Killick Nixon & Co
Ellora.....510 Ramage.....M M & Co
Fairhall.....2252 Griffith .....
Galicia .....504 Elton.....M M & Co
Hare Malcolm.....2828 Thomas .....Antwerp T Morrison & Co
Hirashtari.....1109 Primrose.....B & P S N Co
Khalifa.....1857 Newly.....B & P S N Co
Kilsan.....2041 Morgon.....Turner Morrison & Co
Kundri.....2041 Birr .....T Morrison & Co
Lahella.....3337 Webster.....J Finlay & Co
Lalaba.....3435 Lamachand .....M M & Co
Lolanda.....723 Barton.....Moysten.....P Plant
Parlay .....2785 A L Pritchett.....
Querimba.....4933.....Smith M M & Co
Sanctoria...2378 Ward.....The Bombay & Co
Shah Navaz.....3522 Mitchell.....B and H S N Co
Strathgerry.....2840 Stanhope W & A...Graham & Co
Spondeles .....4752 Moore.....
Tyningham.....2363 Jones.....
Umsinga .....1839 Robertson Scith.....15-12 W & A Graham & Co
Vadala.....2164 Peck.....M M & Co
Vorwaerts.....3727 Bedney .....A L S N & Co
Waroonga.....1609 Morrison .....M M & Co

VESSELS IN DOCK.—Dec. 23.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Dest.	Date.	Agents
A Southville	2265	Hair	Hull	14-12	W & A Graham & Co
B Hindoo	3156	Groves	Hull	28-12	J Finlay & Co
C & R Culna	3963	Maclachlan	Antwerp	23-12	M M & Co
D & E. Clan Macdonald	3112	Hayward	James		Finlay & Co
G Haidari	1563	Oray	Zanzibar	11-12	B & P S N Co
H Shahameer	1921	Brook	Mauritius	24-12	B& H S N & Co
N Northwales	2382	Owen	Liverpool	23-12	M M & Co W & A Graham & Co
P Wissenfels	2453	Reimers	Rangoon	24-12	W & A Graham & Co
U Ancroft	2106	Sprosen	Dunkirk		

H W P D

Lhasa.....941 Macdiarmid...Karachi ..24-12...M M & Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

1 Vermont .....2723 Hargoss...Kobe ..6-1-10...T Morrison & Co
2 Circassia.....4315 Osborne...Liverpool ..W & A Graham & Co
4 Africa .....2565 Seberich...Trieste.....1-1-10..... A L S N & Co
5 Luzon .....3161 L Randie...Genoa...1-1-10...T Morrison & Co
6 Jersoymoor...2363 A W Stonehouse.Liverpool,15 12 T Morrison & Co
8 Bombay Maru....2338 Ivans...Kobe...24 12...N Y Kaisha
9 Kybfels.....3179 Stryeker.....Hamburg...31-12 W & A Graham & Co
13 Arabia .....4148 Leigh .....London.....15-1-10 P & O S N Co
16 Wooda.....2460 Hughes..... Liverpool...29-12... T T M & Co

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From
23	Moshtari s	Primrose	Jeddah, Dec. 8
	Neuenfels s.....	Sandstedt ..	New York, Nov 16
	Spondelus s	Moses	New York, Oct. 24
	City of Madras s..	Mcfee	Liverpool, Nov. 27
	Ascot s	Booth	Cardiff, Nov. 21
	Dandolo s	Giacopello ...	Venice, Nov. 21
	Tyningham s	Jones	Port Said, Dec. 8

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
23	Romany s	Macdonald ...	Arco Bay
	Kiny Malcolm s ...	Thomas	Hull
	Jersoymoor s	Stone House.	Antwerp
	Begum s	McNilon.....	Kobe
	Umsinga s	Robertson ...	Leith
	Kaiser s	Holds	Zanzibar etc.

The following vessels began to load on Thursday :—

Steamer Kinstail for China.
Do. Clan Macdonald for Havre.
Do. Othello for Hull.
Do. Kasara for Persian Gulf.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P and O Company's steamer "Egypt" with the homeward Mails of the 18th instant arrived at Aden at 7-30 p. m. on Wednesday the 22nd December.

The P and O Company's steamer "India" with the outward Mails of the 17th instant passed Suez at 11 p. m. on Wednesday the 22nd December.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS.

BY CAPTAIN H.E.E. PROCTER, A.-D.-C., COMMANDING.

Bombay, 24th December.

I. Mr. William Graeme Hendrey having joined is posted to "C" Troop.

II. There will be no Parade next week, but the next one will be at Santa Cruz on Wednesday 5th January 1910.

D. W. WILSON, Lieut.,
Actg.-Adjt., Bo. L. Horse.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LT.-COL. R. W. L. DUNLOP, V. D.

Bombay, 24th December.

652—Parade—Members are reminded that there will be no Commanding Officer's Parade on Wednesday the 29th instant.

A. L. CARTWRIGHT, Capt.,
Adjt., B. V. R.

DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. "Umsinga," Dec. 23.

The Natal Line s.s. "Umsinga" sailed from Q shed Prince's Dock yesterday evening with the following passengers :—

TO WEYMOUTH.

Dodd, Miss
Fortune, Mr H
Goutiere, Mr M De
Goutiere, Mrs De
Goutiere, Miss De, 3 children and infant
Hutchinson, Mrs
Harris, Mr
Innes Ker Mrs and infant
Langhton, Miss M L
Marsden, Mr F
Marsden, Mrs
Martin, Miss E M
Perkins, Mrs K S
Whorwood, Mrs

Per s.s. "Vorwaerts," Dec. 25.

Passengers proceeding to China and Japan per Austrian Lloyd's steamer "Vorwaerts" to-morrow, from the Victoria Dock No. 7. The medical inspection of the saloon passengers will take place at the Victoria Dock No. 7, at 8-30 a. m. sharp:—

Andrews, Miss H L
Foscolo de, Mr and Mrs E
Feldner, Dr
Hevq. oberg de Nobile Victorio
Hohenlohe, Princess Carola and nurse
Kennedy, Miss M
Kothare, Mr Jehangir H
Nariman, Dr Sorab
Benesse, Count and Countess and nurse
Wallach, Mr

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SPIES AND ESPIONAGE.

ANNALS of the Secret Service of every country furnish attractive reading, and the records of the Intelligence Department of the Government of India are doubtless filled with sensational matter. Some day perhaps those who follow us may be supplied with extracts, which will enlighten them as to what we have done and why we did it, but we ourselves are kept in darkness—beyond the point diplomacy says "stay." So far as old time secret service is concerned, we are frequently given scraps of information, more or less authentic, by those who have been engaged in it, and know how far it is safe to grow reminiscent. Such information is invariably acceptable to those who like to study the ins and outs of things and that which Mr. M. Zahiruddin of Aligarh gives us in the *East and West*, concerning the Intelligence Department of the Indian Mahomedan kings is no exception to the rule. The system of espionage had wider ramifications in those days than in these, and offenders were more expeditiously discovered. But, of course, espionage was encouraged long before the time of the Indian Mahomedan kings. Spies, says Mr. Zahiruddin, have been used in all wars from the time when Moses sent Joshua on his errand, to the present day. But under the Mahomedan rule in India the spy was the same as the detective of modern times. When espionage was first systematised it is difficult to ascertain, but we are assured that it was adequately organised when the Moguls established themselves in the land, and that Allauddin Khalji introduced the system into the new territory he conquered. Ferishta gives an account of it and says : "Allauddin, after the late occurrence, becoming apprehensive of conspiracies against his person, summoned his nobles and commanded them to give their opinion without reserve what should be done to avert these evils. Allauddin approved of many of the remarks of his counsellors. He first applied himself to a strict enquiry into the administration of justice, to redress grievances and to examine narrowly into the private as well as public, characters of all men in office. He procured intelligence of the most secret discourses of families of note in the city, as well as of every transaction of moment in the most distant provinces." When the Taghlaks came into possession of the Imperial throne, the organisation of the Intelligence Department became more systematic ; the name of every new-comer in the country was registered, together with his occupation, bearing, distinguishing marks, and the papers were submitted to the Governors who forwarded them to the King. Ibn Batuta, the Moslem traveller of the fourteenth century, recorded how, on his arrival in the territory of Sultan Mahomed Taghlak Shah, news-writers met him and that they "give a detailed account of every traveller, as to how are his features, what is his dress, how many servants, companions and cattle are with him and what are his movements."

On the authority of the same writer, we have it stated that the conspiracy of Ain-ul-Mulk would have succeeded but for the existence of these intelligencers, for "the Indian monarchs have a detective of their own in the house of all nobles who regularly informs him of their doings and movements. In the same way the King has women-servants, who report all that they hear and see to female scavengers, who in turn convey the message to the officer of the detectives and finally the report is sent to the King. Mahomed Taghlak had a detective of his own in the house of Ain-ul-Mulk named Malik Shah, who informed him of his master's flight." In the time of Akbar, the Intelligence Department was a permanent establishment and in the *Ayeen-i-Akbari* are frequent references to the Wakyab-navees —"an admirable institution and absolutely necessary for the well-conducting of the affairs of the Empire." Both spy and reporter in one, these functionaries seem to have been—and we read that Wakyab-navees not only recorded the doings of the king, his orders and everything of interest concerning his people. Spies were maintained everywhere and travellers, whose individuality was unknown, were caused to alight at a seperate serai and the intelligencers ascertained who and what they were. These men appear to have done their work satisfactorily and it is recorded that Sir John Hawkins, the Elizabethan adventurer, discovered this to his advantage. At Surat he was stopped and maltreated by Mocarrub Khan, but proceeding to Agra without disclosing his identity, he was quickly discovered by Jehangir. Hawkins tells the story in his "Letters" : "Being in the citie and seeking out for an house in a very secret manner, notice was given to the King that I was come, but not to bee found. He presently charged both Horsemen and Footmen in many troupes, not to leave before I was found. Commanding his knight-marshall to accompany mee with great state to the Court, as an Embassador of a King ought to bee." This was done and, after a brief interview, he discovered that Mocarrub Khan's treatment of him was known to Jehangir, who bade him be of good cheer as he would remedy all. Indeed, adds Hawkins, Mocarrub Khan's enemies had acquainted the King with all his proceedings, "for indeed the King hath spies upon every nobleman." As Mr. Zahiruddin observes, the Governors were independent and acted despotically to a large extent, but there were the secret news-writers to render an account of their doings and this was a check on their high-handedness, though sometimes they remained unpunished.

Manucci, in his memoirs, relates many incidents in which espionage proved of good service in the days of Shah Jehan and Aurungzeb, and declares that the best means that kings possess for the good regulation of their kingdom is through trusy spies who know even men's very thoughts. Mr. Zahiruddin apparently made no endeavour to discover the numerical strength of the Intelligence Department during the Mogul period, but he recalls the fact that Danishmud Khan is reported by Irvine in his "Army of the Indian Moguls" to have employed four thousand men as spies. "The Intelligence Department," he writes, "was in active operation, both in peace and war. Reports of all sorts, discerning even to idle gossip and scandal, were always welcome." And, when in the field, these spies were sent in all directions. Instances are on record when spies carried false and disastrously misleading information to the kings, but such cases were rare. Nevertheless Aurungzeb's lack of success in the Deccan was attributed to the defective Intelligence Department, and Fryer wrote : "Notwithstanding all these formidable numbers, while the generals and vocanovices consent to deceive the Emperor, on whom he depends for a true state of things, it can never be otherwise but that they must be misrepresented, when the judgment he makes must be by a false perspective. Mr. Zahiruddin recognizes that the office of spy involved and does involve some degree of treachery, yet no moral guilt be can attached to it since Alfred the Great's visit to the Danish camp, in the guise of a bard, to ascertain the strength of the enemy, has never been condemned by the preachers of copy-book morality.

THE GOVERNOR ON THE HOUSING PROBLEM.

THE speech of His Excellency Sir George Clarke on Monday at the opening ceremony of residencies for poor Parsis, provided out of the charities of Mr. H. N. Cooper, a retired China merchant of long standing, and others, will attract wide attention, for therein we took another opportunity of touching on the vexed question of housing the poor of our city, and of acknowledging the Government's responsibility in the matter. There are some who would leave the solution to private enterprise and also private philanthropy. But, as His Excellency well observed, these alone can never be counted upon to do what is imperatively demanded in face of the urgent and growing demands of this great city. The example of the Parsis cannot fairly be urged in favour of leaving the housing problem to be solved by private efforts. That community is in exceptional circumstances, and may well be left to provide residences for its poor to the enterprise and philanthropy of men like Khan Bahadur Murzban and wealthy merchants like Mr. Cooper. It should also be borne in mind that the Parsis have a far less proportion of the really poor among them and these have now cheap dwellings founded for them by the zealous efforts of philanthropists. The various buildings erected for this purpose out of funds in the hands of Mr. Murzban, and of Dr. Daji, the energetic Secretary, the Parsi Cheap Building Fund, and out of the large sums bequeathed by the late Mr. N. N. Wadia, Mrs. Dinbai Petit and others, accommodate about 300 families or 1,200 individuals. This means that one individual in every forty of the Parsi Community of Bombay has a very cheap and healthy dwelling provided for. We do not think that the proportion of the really poor among the Parsis is so high as one to forty. Yet even if it be so high, they ought all to be provided for and the housing problem may be said to be successfully solved by that community. But all this cannot be said of the other communities which form the main bulk, nearly nineteen-twentieths of the population of this city. Neither private enterprise nor philanthropy has ever yet touched even the fringe of the housing problem of the really poor and deserving working classes of the city. What little that has been done in this matter has been achieved by the Improvement Trust which is seriously hampered by having to face losses, as rents within the means of the really poor cannot be made to yield an adequate return on the outlay. The time has come for Government action and the policy of "laissez faire" is discredited. There is much hope of this in His Excellency's speech of Monday. The pronouncement will be welcomed that "the Government must seek to take up the question of the housing of the poor in earnest even if losses have to be faced," and all will earnestly join in the hope of His Excellency that the Government will be strongly supported by all who feel with us that the housing question lies at the very root of the moral and physical welfare of the working classes in our city." If the first firm step in this direction be taken under Sir George Clarke's regime it will render his administration really memorable.

CLERKS AND OVERTIME.

AN amusing controversy is waging in Shanghai on the question how many hours assistants should be a day clerks or expected to work. So important does it seem to be, that the German Consular Court has referred it to the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce for "expert opinion." The question takes the following form : "Does there in Shanghai exist a local custom for the employers of commercial houses, according to which, unless exceptional circumstances require working after office hours, the offices are closed at one o'clock p.m. on Saturdays and 5 o'clock p. m. on other days of the week?" There is another question which attempts to give a concrete case and does not succeed very well in its object. Why the question should ever have been raised at all it is hard to see. The Chamber of Commerce, in a somewhat curt note says that "the answer to the first question is in the negative." The second question is wisely ignored. The wonder is that the Chamber condescended to consider such a letter at all, for no reasonable clerk or assistant—the reference is entirely to Europeans—considers that he has any office hours and is only willing, as a rule, to admit that there is any call upon his time so long as work remains to be done. Many there are who consider themselves indispensable and if these care to work longer hours they may do so, though it is generally this class which is the first to leave office. Still the fact remains that the German Consular Court wishes to place assistants in the lowly position which is but a short step from having to place a metal disc in a box. German firms presumably know best how to deal with German assistants, but we cannot imagine an Englishman submitting to a species of workman regime on one occasion, only to be required to give up his time voluntarily on another. But if the German Court has its way the German assistant will have Trade Union hours and then there will be the merry sight of a man stopping in the middle of his signature because the clock forbids him to finish it.

MR. E. D. MACLAGAN I.C.S., on return from furlough, will be placed on special duty at headquarters of the Punjab Government.

SANCTION has been accorded to a survey being made by the North Western Railway Administration, for a railway line from Sialkot to Amritsar, a distance about 100 miles.

DURING the week ending 21st December, 115 chests of opium were removed from warehouse in Bombay. Of these 100 were shipped to China and farmers purchased as follows :—Ahmednagar 6, Surat 3, Nasik 1, Poona 5. During the week 142 chests were imported from Indore.

IT is understood that the Secretary of State has definitely decided against any part of future profits from the coinage of rupees being devoted to purposes of Railway construction. As little or no coining is now taking place this decision will not affect the present position of Railway finance.

THE Indian Post Office has issued a notice suspending until further notice its parcel service to Servia. This step has been necessitated by the action of the Servian Postal administration in imposing certain conditions on the acceptance of postal parcels intended for Servia which cannot be complied with in this country. So soon as these conditions are modified or withdrawn the service will be resumed.

A NEW Executive District, to be called the Pravara Canals District, will be formed with effect from the 4th January 1910. It will include the Godavery and Pravara Canals and Distribution System. The Headquarters of the new District will be at Kopargaon. After the new District is formed, the Godaveri Irrigation District will consist of the Storage Dams of the Godaveri and Pravara Projects and the Nandur-Madhmeshwar Weir (the latter until completion only.) Mr. C. B. Pooley is appointed to act as Executive Engineer, Pravara Canals District.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending December 21 was 521, giving a death-rate of 27·70 per annum per thousand as against 32·17 the corresponding period of last year, and 36·51, the average over the past five years. Of the total number 39 died from fevers ; 6, plague ; 8, small-pox ; 1, measles; 1, cholera ; 3, leprosy ; 48, phthisis ; 35, diseases of the nervous system ; 140, affections of the respiratory organs ; 26, diarrhoea ; 18, dysentery ; 34, still-born ; 80, old-age and debility ; 18, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows :—Jain, 13 ; Brahmin, 29 ; Lingaet, 1 ; Bhattia, 4 ; Hindu of other caste, 258 ; Hindu low caste, 55 ; Musalman, 115 ; Parsee, 21 ; Jew, 1 ; Native Christian, 14 ; Eurasian, 2; European, 7 ; other and unknown caste, 1. The total number of births was 484 as against 461 the corresponding period of last year, and 486 the average over the past five years.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

(FROM OUR LADY CORRSPONDENT.

LONDON, DECEMBER 3.

THE COURT.

DECEMBER 1st is Queen Alexandra's birthday and, in accordance with a gracious custom, Her Majesty entertained to tea all the children in the parishes included in the Sandringham estate. Several schools were utilised for the purpose, and the little guests numbered about a thousand. Whilst talking of the Queen's birthday, a friend reminded me of her first arrival in England and a little incident that occurred. Princess Alexandra landed at Gravesend on the raw, grey 8th of March, 1863. She was attired in pure white Irish poplin very simply made, with a few pale pink flowers in her neat little white bonnet, and was warmly muffled up in a thick fluffy white woollen shawl, as she was only just recovering from a severe cold. Her sister, Dagmar, now the Empress Dowager of Russia, was with her and was almost as much admired as she drove through London with the bride-elect. The Prince of Wales met them at the Bricklayers' Arms Station, which was for many years the arrival and starting place of Royalty in going to and from the Continent. Their progress through London was a pageant, and a crowded one, and they went down from Paddington Station to Windsor where, of course, there were thousands of loyal sightseers between the terminus and the Castle, happily only a short distance. The young Princess was very tired that night, and no wonder, but she saw a few of the wedding presents that awaited her, and among others a gorgeously embroidered pair of slippers from the Maharajah Dhuleep Singh, which were a mass of gleaming silver thread, sparkling with precious stones. These took the fancy of the Danish Princess at once, and she laughingly declared that she would be married in them and so she was.

THE LUCAS BUST.

To much has been heard lately about this bust, that its history may be interesting. "I was rummanaging round a dealer's shop in Shirley-road, Southampton," says Mr. Sparkes, "on February 14 last year, when I saw the bust, and bought it for ten shillings. The dealer had himself acquired it for a trifling sum at the sale at 'Tower of the Winds.' This was the house at Chilworth which Mr. Lucas built, and in which he died. I bought the bust as a Lucas bust, and took it to my own shop, where it was on view for some time. I showed it to several London dealers, but as it was in wax they did not care for it, although it was beautiful piece of work.

"The bust remained in my shop until July 28, when my son sold it to a person who walked in during the evening and paid for it. It was sold as a Lucas bust. It was purchased by a representative of Mr. Spink, of Piccadilly, and that firm afterwards sold it to Mr. Murray Marks, of Bond-street, for £150. From him Dr. Bode bought it for, I believe, £9,250.

"I was most surprised when I saw the announcement in the Press of the huge price that had been paid for the bust, and naturally I cannot help feeling sorry that Dr. Bode did not come along and offer the amount to me when the bust was in my possession. I have no doubt, however, that he is deceived in supposing that the author of the work was Leonardo da Vinci. I have been in communication with Dr. Bode on the subject and he has sent me a courteous reply, in which he mentions that he will be glad of any information of interest that may be forthcoming with regard to the bust."

These busts of wax being hollow are generally filled with cloth of some sort, and from this bust has just been extracted a large piece of an early Victorian quilt.

KINDLY AID.

Thousands of blousemakers in New York are now on strike, headed by Mrs. Rose Phelps Stokes, whose marriage with the millionaire-philanthropist and settlement worker here seems rather to have accentuated than diminished her sympathy with the cause of labour. "Friends and comrades," she said, addressing the girls to-day, "I've been in your ranks and know your troubles, and I'll help you to the best of my ability. I was a child of the Ghetto in Whitechapel, London, and I've been a cigar roller in a tobacco factory in Ohio, and I know, therefore, what poverty means. I know your sacrifices and I know that your wages are not sufficient for your modest needs."

Since Mrs. Stokes intervened 15,000 girls have returned to work with better wages, better hours, and a promise of better factory conditions. Now this remarkable young woman, whose marriage in New York forms one of the most romantic chapters in the annals of matrimony, is devoting her eloquence, zeal, and unquestioned ability to an organisation to help the blousemakers still on strike, and with every prospect of success.

"BEETHOVEN."

Sir Herbert Tree deserves all honour and praise for the splendid way in which this play is presented. Sir Herbert Tree, subduing every personal characteristic and mannerism, becomes Beethoven the man and Beethoven the genius, he makes us feel that we have Beethoven on earth again and, and that we are in his presence. He even changes his voice, and although we have no record to show whether or not the voice he adopts is like Beethoven's, we are pretty sure that it is not in the least bit like Tree's. But that is a trifling matter in comparison with many of the wonders of this most artistic of productions.

The only way to make a dramatic poem of Beethoven, says "Sir Herbert Tree" to revive the noble and simple personality of the man, together with the more characteristic episodes of his tragic career, and to present them to a running accompaniment of the magnificent poetry of his music. "The poet turns his sorrow into song," is the reflection of Beethoven, when he finds himself jilted by that soulless little person, Giulietta Guicciardi ; and inspired by the despair of his heart to one of his noblest efforts, the great poet of sounds paces the lonely gardens where Giulietta has left him to himself, and pauses here and there to write down in the fading light splendid exclamations of illustrative melody which are echoed from the orchestra, to show what is passing in Beethoven's bursting heart.

"I feel th' electric thrill, the touch
Of life, which almost seems too much."

AN OBSESSION.

The latest craze is for black velvet, nothing else is worn. The latest coat is of it also. The newest toque, the last hat and the most sumptuous cloak. The idea is pretty enough but the monotony. Black chiffon velvet and skunk comes first, velveteens and dyed rabbit are poor imitations, but the one thing absolutely necessary is blackness. And the strange thing about it all is that unless you are fair and. twenty, so much blackness is most unbecoming Unfortunately, the devotee of fashion is as blind as the proverbial lover. People who possess some real individuality in clothes, and are anxious to prove the fast wear coats and muffs of tiger skin. The effect is astonishing and bacchanalian, even when the fair wearer has all the calm of a Vere de Vere.

THE EGYPTIAN BLOUSE.

The most curious innovation, to my mind, is what is called here in Paris the blouse Egyptienne. This blouse owes its title to the fact that the design printed on it is copied as much as possible from hieroglyphics. The materials favoured in this case are a thick make of crepe de chine, and a novel edition of mousseline de laine with a rough surface. The curious African wording and figures appear in black, with a touch of scarlet, pale blue, pale green, violet orange, introduced at intervals. I have seen some of these quaint blouses wherein solely one tint was used, for instance, black alone, pale green alone, and so on, according to taste. Both are very becoming, considering that the design is printed upon a white ground.

A MODERN MANIA.

It is quite extraordinary the extent to which present-giving has increased during the last half century. This fact has been brought home to one by the wonderful number of gifts (there were, I believe, several hundreds of them) which the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch received on the occasion of their golden wedding. The same noble couple when they married (so I hear) were given less than half the number. It seems really that extravagance has reached such a pitch nowadays, that people must always be spending money. Whether it be on a wedding gift or a funeral wreath is quite immaterial, and how often one hears the remark, "Don't let me forget to buy so-and-so a wedding present," or "Please remind me to get a wreath for poor so-and-so's funeral." Surely, in both cases, if the matter is of so little importance that one is in danger of forgetting, it cannot be of any special interest.

ABOUT BOOKS.

I am sure that most people will be pleased at the stand the public libraries are taking against circulating doubtful literature. A meeting of the managers of the principal London circulating libraries has been held to discuss a matter which for some time past has been causing annoyance to their subscribers and inconvenience to themselves. We refer to the circulation by the libraries of books which are regarded as transgressing the dictates of good taste in subject or treatment. Much undeserved adverse criticism has fallen upon the libraries, who, in their endeavours to avoid giving offence, have repeatedly called in such books from circulation, and, in consequence, have suffered considerable loss. "In order to protect our interests, and also, as far as possible, to satisfy the wishes of our clients," they say "we have determined in future that we will not place in circulation any book which by reason of the personally scandalous, libellous, immoral or otherwise disagreeable nature its contents is, in our opinion, likely to prove offensive to any considerable section of our subscribers.

AN OLD STORY.

Lord Lansdowne, who is emphatically the "man of the moment," often confesses that he owes a considerable portion of his political success to the assistance of his wife. Lady Lansdowne has been for many years past in the front rank of political hostesses and, although it is now forty years since she was married, she has never lost her love of a joke. When she was in India during the time that the Marquis was Viceroy there, she was the life and soul of the place and once decorated the marble statues that stand in the vestibule of Government House at Calcutta with various hats and helmets that hung close by. The effect as might be imagined was not ludicrous. Some of the figures she further embellished with umbrellas and riding canes. Shortly afterwards the members of the Viceregal Council began to arrive for a specially convened sitting. The apparitions in front of them made them gasp and wonder who about the place had suddenly taken leave of their senses.

THE BOMBAY SERVICES.

Major M. T. Elderton, 108th Infantry, to hold charge of the office of Assistant Political Resident, Perim, in addition to his military duties, with effect from the date on which he assumed charge of that office, pending further orders.

Count Egon von Thurn und Valsassina has, on return from leave, resumed charge of the office of Acting Consul at Bombay for the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Lieutenant F. C. Fraser, M.D., I.M.S., to act as Superintendent, Central Prison, Hyderabad, vice Captain J. Anderson, I.M.S., reverting.

Mr. S. J. Murphy, I.C.S., Assistant Judge and Additional Sessions Judge, Thana, is granted special leave on urgent private affairs for three months with effect from the date he avails himself of it.

Captain C. S. Lowson, I.M.S., Superintendent, Central Prison, Ahmedabad, was granted study leave from the 19th October to the 18th December.

Mr. E. Sands to act as City Magistrate, Karachi, during the absence on leave of Mr. A. E. Cumming or pending further orders.

The officers mentioned below to perform, within the limits of the Bombay Presidency, the duties described in Sections 16 and 29 of the Factorys' Act :—Mr. J. D. F. Engel, First Inspector of Factories, Mr. Frederick McCormack, substantive "pro tem." Presidency Inspector of Factories. Mr. W. B. Chambers, substantive "pro tem." Second Inspector of Factories.

Captain L. P. Stephen, M.B., I.M.S., on relief by Major P. P. Kilkelly, M.B., I.M.S., to act as Professor of Anatomy and Curator of Museum, Grant Medical College, as a temporary measure, pending further orders.

Major G. E. Xydis, Sind Volunteer Rifle Corps, is granted six months' leave of absence in extension.

Bombay Volunteer Artillery.—Joseph Sladen, I.C.S., to be Major, vice S. Armstrong, V.D., transferred to the Supernumerary List, dated 6th July.

Captain L. P. Stephen, M.B., I.M.S., on relief by Major P. P. Kilkelly, M.B., I.M.S., to act as Second Surgeon, J. J. Hospital, and Presidency Surgeon, First District, as a temporary measure, pending further orders.

With effect from 9th October vice Mr. C. R. Roper, I.C.S., promoted, Mr. M. S. Advani to be First Assistant; Mr. W. F. Hudson, I.C.S., to be Second Assistant, and to be seconded; and Mr. R. E. A. Elliot, I.C.S., to be Second Assistant.

With effect from 13th October vice Mr. F. G. H. Anderson, I.C.S., promoted, Mr. H. D. Rendall, I.C.S., to be First Assistant, and to be seconded; Mr. C. E. Palmer, I.C.S., to be First Assistant; Mr. C. H. Blathwayt, I.C.S., to be Second Assistant; and to be seconded; and Mr. W. W. Smart, I.C.S., to be Second Assistant.

The privilege leave for twenty-nine days to Mr. W. B. Chambers, substantive "pro tem." second Inspector of Factories, is cancelled.

Mr. J. W. Davison, First Inspector of Steam Boilers and Prime Movers, has been allowed an extension of leave on medical certificate for three months.

Mr. Wilfrid A. Kershaw, G. B. V. C., to be the Veterinary Practitioner for the Settlement of Aden and its dependencies, inclusive of the villages of Shaikh Othman, Imad and Hiswa, the island of Perim and Little Aden, and to the Cantonment limits of the Settlement.

Sind Volunteer Rifle Corps.—George Cowling Platel to be Quartermaster with the Honorary rank of Lieutenant, to fill an existing vacancy, dated 22nd April.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. B. Simth, M.B., M. Ch (R.U.I.) D.P.H., D.T.M. and H. (Camb.), I.M.S., Civil Surgeon of the First Class, to be Civil Surgeon Poona.

Major H. Bennett, M.B., C.M., B.Sc., F.R.C.S., I.M.S., Civil Surgeon of the Second Class, to act as Civil Surgeon, Belgaum.

THE Hon'ble Mr. K. G. Gupta, has returned to Calcutta.

AT St. John's Church, Calcutta, yesterday evening, Mr J. R. Bertram was quietly married to Miss E. C. Presgrave. This was a comparatively quiet function and only friends were asked.

THE WEATHER IN ENGLAND.

TRAINS SNOWED UP.

Tunnel Collapses on a Train.

MARVELLOUS ESCAPES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, DECEMBER 22.

Though the temperature in London is 53deg. Wards continue in the north. Trains are being snowed up in drifts in Staffordshire. Hundreds of tons of chalk, loosened by frost, fell at Tunbridge Wells on a train crowded with Christmas Holiday folks, at the entrance of the Woldingham tunnel, smashing six coaches. The passengers had miraculous escapes. The driver and stoker were injured.

LONDON, DECEMBER 23.

Disastrous floods have occurred in Devonshire. There have been numerous wrecks and fatalities round the coast, and the lifeboats have had the most difficult work in rescuing seafarers. One boat was capsized. A railway cargo boat, the "Rostrevor," with a crew of 24 from Greenore to Holyhead, is sixteen hours overdue and it is feared she is lost.

LATER.

The "Rostrevor" has arrived at Holyhead. Her detention was due to assisting a disabled schooner and to fog.

FUNERAL OF KING LEOPOLD.

Impressive Scene.

THE NEW KING TAKES THE OATH.

LONDON, DECEMBER 22.

The funeral of King Leopold was celebrated with great pomp. Prince Albert of Connaught and Prince Henry of Prussia attended together with other Foreign Envoys, following the hearse. After the funeral service in the Cathedral, the interment took place at Laeken. There were immense crowds despite the rain.

LONDON, DECEMBER 23.

Prince Albert went in procession from Laeken to Brussels and made his state entry into the Capital amid the pealings of bells and gun salutes. The streets were thronged. Belgian and Congolese flags were flying everywhere. He took the oath before the legislature.

THE RUSSIAN MURDER.

Sensation in St. Petersburg.

MINUTE PREPARATIONS FOR THE CRIME.

LONDON, DECEMBER 22.

The assassination of M. Karpoff has caused an immense sensation in St. Petersburg. The arrangements were most elaborate, the bomb being fired by the pressure of an electric button.

OUTRAGE IN SEOUL.

Korean Premier Stabbed.

LONDON, DECEMBER 22.

A telegram from Seoul states that a Korean thrice stabbed the Korean Premier who was riding in a jinricksha. He stabbed and killed the jinricksha-man. The assailant was arrested. The Premier was taken to the hospital but his condition is hopeless.

THE CRISIS IN GREECE.

War Minister's Resignation Demanded.

LONDON, DECEMBER 23.

A telegram from Athens states that the Chamber is not sitting. The Theotokists and the Rallists refuse to attend unless the War Minister resigns. The Military League is unyielding and has ordered the Chalchis Regiment to Athens. Mavromichaelis has had a prolonged interview with the King. It is believed the Ministry will resign.

PORTUGUESE POLITICAL SITUATION.

New Progressive Ministry Formed.

LONDON, DECEMBER 23.

A telegram from Lisbon states that Beirao has formed a Progressist Ministry.

THE NICARAGUAN REVOLUTION.

Government Troops Defeated.

LONDON, DECEMBER 22.

Estrada has completely defeated the Nicaraguan Government troops. Six hundred of both armies were killed and wounded. Nineteen hundred of the Government troops surrendered.

THE KHEDIVE'S PILGRIMAGE.

Message of Thanks to the Sultan.

LONDON, DECEMBER 22.

A telegram from Constantinople states that the Khedive of Egypt has telegraphed from Mecca, thanking the Sultan for the arrangements for his reception.

MULLAH REPORTED SICK.

LONDON, DECEMBER 22.

Reuter telegraphs from Aden that the Mullah is reported sick and is retiring inland.

THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

Unionists and Old Age Pensions.

"FIGHTING CRANKS."

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, DECEMBER 23.

Mr. Balfour, in a message to the *Daily Mail*, says that if Conservatives are returned Old Age Pensions will certainly be continued.

Mr. Chamberlain wrote to two candidates yesterday, and declared that great odds are incurred in fighting all the cranks in the country, but he is convinced that common sense will win.

Lord Lansdowne has telegraphed to the Belfast demonstration that the Home Rule battle must be re-fought.

Mr. John Burns, speaking at Battersea, denounced the Tories for using the Socialist, Mr. Robert Blatchford, who is writing articles for the *Daily Mail* on the German danger, and says it will bring about a most colossal calamity. He declared that the Navy was adequate to maintain our shores inviolable.

Sir Edward Grey, speaking at Belfast, denied that he was a revolutionary because he supported the Budget, wherein nothing was advocated but what had been advocated for twenty years.

TARIFF REFORM AND THE COTTON TRADE.

Another Manifesto.

LONDON, DECEMBER 22.

Mr. Macara, the President of the Cotton Federation, has issued another manifesto, setting forth in detail his reasons for stating that Tariff Reform will be disastrous to the cotton trade.

PUNJAB UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION.

Advice to Students.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, DECEMBER 22.

The Convocation of the Punjab University was held to-day, His Honour the Chancellor presiding. A notable feature was the conferring of the degrees of Doctor of Laws "honoris causa" on Sir Pratul Chandra Chatterji, who was loudly cheered in the bright purple robes of Doctor of Laws. The Chancellor did not speak.

The Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Justice Robertson, referred to improvements in the Law College and hoped for improvements in the Oriental College aiming at providing for, and preservation of, old learning and what is good and useful in the older methods and at the same time for that comparative study which trained the intellect of day recognises as essential to any true scholarship in any language. Speaking of the relations of students and teachers, he said that in one or two cases he heard of the use of influence on the part of teachers to involve their students in matters beyond their sphere and to influence them in the direction not for their advance. If these rumours are true no words could be too scathing in condemnation and no action too drastic. Concluding, the Vice-Chancellor said that the Indian student is at present under very close observation. It is not too much to say that he is under the microscope. During the past few years, his conduct and character has been scrutinised and much adverse criticism has been passed on him. All who have his welfare at heart are anxious on the point. The name of the Indian student is in danger of becoming a by-word for self-conceit, want of discipline and moral ballast, and other undesirable qualities. He was far from endorsing these unfavourable criticisms, but they have been passed and he wanted the students of the Punjab University, to give a satisfactory and complete answer by their conduct. "I want," he said, "each one of you starting on your life's work to set down and think how he can best frame his life so as most to serve God and man. Let us show that the lessons we have learned from the Punjab University are lessons of self-restraint, respect for all that is good, of unselfishness, of purity, highmindedness, charity, morality and self-mastery."

LADIES' ART EXHIBITION AT RANGOON.

Many Exhibits from India.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, DECEMBER 22.

For the All India Ladies' Art Exhibition over 500 exhibits have been received from India and Burma. Exhibits consist of drawings, paintings, all kinds of crewel work, embroidery, needlework, etc. Among the exhibitors from India is H. H. the Princess Shri Maharkuverbai of Bhavanagar, Kathiawar, who exhibits her own work. She is only fourteen years old and has won several gold medals for her work at different exhibitions in India. For the Exhibition here she has sent six exhibits, three of which are a fan, studded with pearls, and a gold embroidered table centre of embroidered work, and a cushion of the same work. The exhibits from Rangoon and Burma are said to compare favourably with those from India. Competition for prizes is therefore expected to be keen. The exhibition will be opened by Lady White on Monday evening.

DEATH OF A MADRAS PHILANTHROPIST.

Dr. Vurdappa Naidu.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, DECEMBER 23.

The death is announced of Dr. V. Vurdappa Naidu, a well known medical practitioner of Madras. He was for over two decades Municipal Commissioner and took an abiding interest in all charitable institutions. A short time ago he gave the handsome donation of Rs. 30,000 to the Society for the Protection of Children.

INDIAN RAILWAY EARNINGS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 23.

The total approximate gross earnings of the State and Guaranteed Railways from the 1st April to the 11th December 1909 show a gain of Rs. 1,57,704,43 compared with the corresponding figures for 1908 and are less than those of 1907 by Rs. 45,17,356.

THE NEW COUNCILS.

The current "Government Gazette" notifies the names of the following gentlemen who have been nominated by His Excellency the Governor to be Additional Members of the Legislative Council :—

OFFICIAL.

Mr. R. A. Lamb, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.
Mr. W. L. S. L. Cameron, C.S.I., A.M.I.C.E.
Mr. W. T. Morison, C.S.I., I.C.S.
Mr. M. C. Gibb, I.C.S.
Mr. W. H. Sharp.
Surgeon-General H. W. Stevenson, I.M.S.
Mr. F. G. Pratt, I.C.S.
Major J Jaskson, M.B., I.M.S.
Mr. Hugh Murray.

NON-OFFICIAL.

Mr. H. E. E. Procter.
Mr. N. S. Glazebrook.
Sir Sassoon Jacob David, Kt.
Khan Bahadur Navroji Pestanji Vakil, C.I.E.
Dr. Temulji Bhikaji Nariman, L.M., F.R.M.S. (London).
Sardar Davar Kaikhosro Edalji Modi (of Surat).
Sir Vithaldas Damodar Thackersey, Kt.
Sirdar Meherban Lakhamgauda Basavprabhu, Barrister-at-Law, Sar Desai of Vantmuri.
Sardar Rao Bahadur Motilal Chunilal (of Broach)
Sardar Coopuswami Vizianagaram Mudliar.
Sardar Shambhusing Amarsing Jadhavrav, Raje of Malegaon (Poona).
Sardar Rao Bahadur Yeshwantrav Trimbak Mirikar.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

GUNTUR, DECEMBER 23.

The Raja of Vizianagram has been elected for the Zamindars by 37 votes against the 36 of the Zamindars of Palavaram.

TRICHINOPOLY, DECEMBER 23.

The results of the election for the Zamindars of the Southern group are announced : Rao Bahadur Ramabhadhra Naidu Garu, Zamindar, Doddappansikans, obtained 59 votes, Raghunath Rao 26, Ramasawmy Iyer 2. The Zemindar is declared duly elected.

NAGPUR, DECEMBER 23.

The result of the election of candidates for the Imperial Council by the Landholders is declared. Mr. W. N. Maw, third Secretary to Chief Commissioner was the polling officer. G. N. Chitnavis was elected by an overwhelming majority of 27 votes to the other candidate's (Deshmukh) eight votes.

LAHORE, DECEMBER 23.

Lala Harkishan Lal's appeal against the rejection of his nomination paper at the recent election for University member of the Punjab Council has been rejected by the Lieutenant-Governor.

MADRAS, DECEMBER 23.

The Raja of Kollengode has been elected to the Madras Council to represent the landholders other than Zamindars. He polled 134 votes.

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 23.

Sir Guy Fleetwood Wilson will present the financial statement on the 24th February and a Committee of the full Council will consider the statement during March and budget as finally amended will come up for final discussion on 29th March.

ALLEGED SEDITION IN DELHI.

Press Searched and Editor Arrested.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, DECEMBER 23.

News comes from Delhi that Lala Ganeshilal Khasta, editor and publisher of "Akash" was arrested on the 21st instant. The "Akash" office and Inder Prasth Press were searched.

LAHORE, DECEMBER 23.

Further particulars regarding the arrest of Pundit Ganeshilal Khasto, proprietor, printer, publisher of "Akash" at Delhi, state that he was arrested at 9 o'clock on the 21st and was taken into police custody handcuffed. The Press premises were locked and sealed. The charge is under Section 124 A. The warrant was issued at the instance, it is said, of the District Magistrate of Lahore. Most probably the case will be tried by the Special Magistrate who is now trying Lahore sedition cases.

INDIAN COMPANIES ACT.

Bengal Chamber on its Amendment.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 23.

The Government of Eastern Bengal and Assam had informed the Committee of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce, that the desirability of a revision of the Indian Companies Act VI of 1882, on the lines of the English Companies Consolidation Act of 1908, with the object of assimilating the Indian law to that obtaining in England was being considered by the Government of India, and an expression of the opinion of the Association was asked, as to the suitability of the provisions of the English Act for adoption in India. Any suggestions which the Association might wish to make for any amendments in the Indian Act which did not fall within the provisions of the English Act were also invited. As the Committee understood that the matter would be fully considered by the Bengal Chamber of Commerce, it was decided to reply that the Association had no suggestions to make.

SIR J. HEWETT GOES ON LEAVE

Mr. Leslie Porter to Act.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 23.

Sir John Hewett, the Lieutenant-Governor of the United Provinces, goes on leave for six months from March and the Hon'ble Mr. Leslie Porter, Senior Member, Revenue Board, is likely to officiate as Lieut-Governor.

THE BURMA TANANCY BILL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RAONGOON, DECEMBER 23.

At a largely attended meeting of the Burmese commercial community when also several Europeans were present last evening, it was resolved to ask the Lieutenant-Governor to abandon the Burma Tanancy Bill which it is proposed to adopt shortly on the grounds that no necessity has been shown for this legislation which would be undue interference with the landowners' rights and cause great dislocation of trade.

THE UPPER SWAT CANAL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, DECEMBER 23.

In connection with the tunnelling of the Malakand for the Upper Swat Canal scheme, preliminary measures will shortly be taken for forming a pitched channel on the Dargai side of the range. It is down this channel that the water will pour on its way to the canals yet to be made in the sloping country south of the Border hills. A regulator will be constructed near Dargai, so as to ensure full control of stream on its rapid course to the plains.

THE CONGRESS.

Preparations Well Advanced.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, DECEMBER 23.

For the holding of the Twenty-fifth Session of the Indian National Congress, the Bradlaugh Hall is being specially prepared. The road leading to Bradlaugh Hall is decorated with flags, festoons, and evergreens. Triumphal arches have been put up at each turning. The grounds adjoining the hall are being beautifully laid out and the roads in the midst of green turf look quite pleasing. It will be remembered that the Bradlaugh Hall, where the sitting of the Congress in 1900 was held in Lahore, was destroyed by fire and for several years only the outer walls were standing bearing signs of the destruction. In many parts now it has been thoroughly rebuilt the upper part being completely of iron structure. On one end of the hall is a spacious dais which will accommodate about 150 seats for the President and notable men, who have been labouring for the Congress cause for many years, and distinguished visitors. Just below the dais are seats provided for the press. Here the accommodation seems to be quite inadequate. On all three sides of the dais are seats for delegates. The different provinces have been allotted in different blocks. At the back of the hall facing the dais are two storeyed galleries for visitors. Separate seats are going to be allotted for ladies at positions of advantage. It is expected the number of visitors will be large as the lowest fee is going to be Rs. 3 and the highest Rs. 50 for three days. In all there will be accommodation for 3,500 to 4,000 persons. For the accommodation of President, a bungalow just close to the hall, has been set apart. Messrs Gokhale, Khare, Banerjee, and other Congress veterans will most probably be accommodated in a bungalow adjoining the hall. Arrangements and preparations are in full swing. The Chairman of the Reception Committee is taking personal interest in the details and when everything is complete it will fully sustain the reputation of past sessions."

The Hon'ble Sir Romeshwar Singh Maharajah of Darbhanga, who is to preside over the Industrial Conference and Brahman Sabha to be held at Lahore next week arrived by Calcutta mail to-day. At the station there was a great demonstration to give him a grand welcome and was met by the Maharajah of Kashmere and all notable men, including Sir P. C. Chatterji, Mr. Harkishen Lal and others were present to receive him. A procession was formed from the Railway Station and passed through the principal streets of the town. A Band preceded his carriage and a large number of carriages containing the chief men of the town followed it.

Lucknow delegates leave for Lahore on 25th evening.

LAHORE, DECEMBER 23.

None of the local educational institutions will supply volunteers to work during the ensuing Congress Sessions at Lahore under the order of the Director of Public Instruction, published few days ago. The Government College boys were precluded to take part in politics. The D. A. V. College authorities also passed a resolution about a month ago prohibiting students of the institution from taking part in politics in any shape ; hence the Congress will only await the services of clerks of offices situated in the Bharat Buildings for this purpose.

THE BENGAL PROVINCIAL CONGRESS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 23.

A meeting of the Provincial Committee was held on the 21st instant. The first items of business done at the meeting were the election of members to the Provincial Congress Committee on the recommendation of the Dacca Peoples' Association and a fresh election of delegates to the Congress. The Committee then proceeded to discuss the draft resolutions framed by the General Secretaries. They were generally approved subject to some verbal alterations. The following subjects and resolutions were then proposed by the Committee for being taken up at the next Session of the Congress—(a) Boycott Resolution to be framed on the lines adopted at the Hughli Conference; (b) the treatment of political offenders in Indian Gaols; (c) sanitation (d) deportation of nine Bengalee gentlemen as being unjust and unjustifiable ; (e) that a Committee be appointed to revise the constitution and rules of the Congress; (f) that the office of the Congress be located by turns at each provincial centre for two years and the general secretaries for such period be nominated from the Province to which the office is shifted. Formal notice was given by a member of a motion on the Reform Regulations, which was however eventually withdrawn.

LORD AND LADY MINTO.

Hold Drawing Room at Calcutta.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 23.

The Viceroy and Lady Minto held their annual Drawing Room this evening. It was a brilliant function, the total number of presentations being more than five hundred.

Major and Lady Violet Crawley arrived in Calcutta this afternoon and Captain Fisher will arrive to-morrow. They will be guests at Government House. Captain Harker has taken up the duties of an extra A.D.C. to the Viceroy.

POONA PARSEE THEATRICAL CASE.

Accused Released on Bail.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, DECEMBER 23.

The ten servants of Krishnaji Bhayasaheb who last week were convicted by the City Magistrate on a charge of rioting and fined Rs. 50 each with three months' imprisonment have been released on bail pending the hearing of their appeal next month. The rioting charge was in connection with the affray at the premises occupied by the Parsee Theatrical Company, there being a dispute between their manager and the landlord of the house.

BURMA KHEDDHA CASES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, DECEMBER 23.

Mr. Soord, Deputy Superintendent of Police, has been deputed to proceed to London to identify T. W. Dalrymple Clark and escort him to Burma.

Mr. C. Soord is due in London on January 6. Clark has been remanded in custody till 7th January.

ONE NURSE CHARGES ANOTHER OF THEFT.

Accused Acquitted.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 22.

At the Calcutta Police Court to-day, Mr. Keays disposed of the case in which Mrs. Ellen Spears, Hospital Nurse, charged Mrs. C. S. Beglar, another nurse, with the theft of a trunk, a chest-of-drawers, some small articles of jewellery, a magic lantern, etc. It appears that the two ladies had been bosom friends for years and the complainant claimed to have taken the accused into her house from charitable motives. This claim by the complainant was in no way borne out however by the letter of tenancy showing that the ladies were joint tenants of a Mrs. Peters.

Mr. Keays, in the course of his judgment, said the evidence as regards the ownership of the trunk and chest of drawers (important things in this case) is most curious. Mr. Spears calls Mrs. Peters who says she knows they belonged to Mr. Spears, because both Mrs. Beglar and Mrs. Spears said so. These articles were apparently the only things about which Mrs. Peters showed any curiosity to find out to whom they belonged and by a remarkable coincidence they are the very things Mrs. Beglar takes a fancy to steal. I may be doing her an injustice, but I cannot accept her evidence. Here is also another remarkable coincidence in Mrs. Rosebin's evidence. She says she was subphœnaed and had not the remotest idea what questions she was going to be asked and that she had never had any conversation with Mrs. Spears, yet for some inexplicable reason she is questioned about the trunk, the chest of drawers and a tiger-claw hook. As regards the things stated to be left in the custody of Mrs. Beglar, Mrs. Spears first said in her examination that they were not exactly left in her custody, but afterwards said she had given them to Mrs. Beglar to take care of. I prefer to accept her first statement. Mr. Keays accordingly discharged the accused.

CALCUTTA GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Additional Lights on the Roads.

CORPORATION DECLINES TO PAY CHARGES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 23.

During recent years the number of gas lamps round Government House has been considerably increased for obvious reasons. These lights are kept burning during the whole night. The question of paying the gas bill recently came up before the General Committee of the Corporation, they declined to bear the charges and asked the Government to pay.

The Secretary to the Bengal Government now writes:—"I am to express the Lieut-Governor's regret that he is unable to accept the arguments advanced by the Corporation that Government may fairly be asked to meet this expenditure. Government is not solely benefited by the improved lighting of the streets in question and even in 1902 no promise was ever made that the whole cost of the improved lighting would be met by Government. As important rate-payers in the town Government are entitled to enjoy the amenities provided by the Corporation from the revenues at its disposal and there is no such special feature about the improved lighting now proposed as requires a special contribution from Government over and above what it already pays under the ordinary system of Municipal taxation. These additional lights were provided at the instance of the Commissioner of Police, who insists that lights should be kept burning the whole night during the Viceroy's stay in the metropolis."

THE UNITED PROVINCES EXHIBITION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, DECEMBER 23.

The site plan of the United Provinces Exhibition has now been definitely approved the location of the various courts mapped out on the site and the laying out of the roads taken in hand. A nursery is being started for plants and shrubs which are to adorn the grounds. The pumping station close to the Jumna will be open to visitors to the Exhibition. The skeleton structures of the various buildings will, it is expected, be completed by the rains. The Aerial League of the British Empire are, it is understood, giving their warmest support towards the aviation meeting which will be one of the principal attractions of the exhibition. Models of various types of air craft will also be on view. Manufacturers of airships, both British and foreign, are already interesting themselves in aviation meetings, Efforts are being made to collect exhibits for the wood, stone and metal court.

PROPOSED UNIVERSITY FOR BURMA.

Lieut.-Governor's View.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, DECEMBER 18.

At the dedicatory ceremonies in connection with the Dr. Cusing memorial building, last evening the Lieut.-Governor made his first official announcement to the effect that the time had now come for the establishment of a University for Burma which had been proposed years ago and that during the short time that remained to His Honour he would do his best to advance this project towards realisation.

In advocating the establishment of the Burma University, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor said: "I do not wish it to be thought that I have any complaint against the University of Calcutta to which we owe our gratitude that University has listened with much sympathy to our representations and has met our requests in a very liberal manner. We have also derived much benefit from visits to our Colleges of Inspectors appointed by that University, but it is obvious the University of Calcutta cannot have that intimate knowledge of local conditions and needs different fundamentally from those of other provinces which is necessary in a body which ultimately shares our educational destinies and if higher education is to progress on right lines we must have a provincial University to control and guide it. I trust, therefore, that in the near future we shall sever our connection with the University of Calcutta with good feeling on both sides and shall see a rise in the University of Burma.

THE NASIK MURDER.

SEQUEL TO SAVARKER TRIAL.

Full Details.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

NASIK, DECEMBER 22.

Nasik has been plunged into a state of horror and indignation by the brutal murder of its Collector, Mr. A. M. T. Jackson, which occurred on Tuesday evening at a native theatre. Mr. Jackson had been at Nasik about 2½ years, having taken up the duties of Collector during 1897. He had always shown the greatest consideration towards the Indian communities and the people could not have had a more sympathetic administrator ; amongst several reforms which he introduced was the custom of holding periodical Durbars, a practice which has since been copied by other District Magistrates. Consequently, amongst the native community generally, he was held in the highest respect and esteem and the expressions of grief which can be heard on every hand are no mere lip-service. Loyal, however, as the generality of the people may be, it has been well-known that a seditionist faction exists in Nasik, and to this must this dastardly murder be attributed. It is difficult—impossible in fact—to accept the persistent statements of the accused, that he alone is the originator as well as perpetrator of the crime. It is impossible to give credit to the idea, that a mere lad of eighteen, resident in another if neighbouring district should, impelled alone by such information as he gained of Savarkar's trial from the vernacular Press, have succeeded unaided in securing two deadly weapons with ammunition, and should have taken a day's journey for the purpose of committing this murder. His denials of complicity can be regarded only as attempts to shield his confederates, but it is very much to be hoped that the Police, who are active in their inquiries, will be successful in unearthing the miscreants who are originally, and certainly most responsible for the occurrence.

STORY OF THE CRIME.

In token of the respect, which the Collector had inspired amongst the better-class and educated Indians of the city, it had been arranged by the Deputy District Collector, Mr. Khopekar, and other responsible citizens that a pansupari gathering should be given in his honour, on the occasion of his departure for Bombay. Mr. Jackson had received orders to proceed to Bombay to-morrow, Thursday morning, to act for Mr. G. W. Hatch, Collector of Bombay, who is shortly going to England on short leave. Mr. Jackson cordially accepted the invitation, and it was arranged that a special dramatic performance should be given in the Vijiyanad Theatre.

Mr. Jackson was due to arrive there at 9-30 and he left his bungalow after dinner with two young ladies, Miss Van Someran and Miss Bean, daughter and niece of the Post-master-General, and the Assistant Collector, Mr. Jolley, the party driving in two conveyances. On alighting they had to pass along a somewhat long and narrow lane and were to enter the theatre by a door at the side, which led to the orchestra and the front seats of the pit. At the threshold, the Collector was received by two of his principal hosts with whom he shook hands and then accompanied by one of the ladies passed inside, Mr. Jolley and the other lady, having driven in the second carriage, were a few yards behind.

The Collector had not gone more than a yard inside the door of the theatre, when a Brahman youth, who had been sitting in the front row of seats, sprang up with a Browning automatic pistol in his hand and fired a shot into Mr. Jackson's back. Rapidly taking a couple of steps in order to face his victim, the murderer then emptied the remaining cartridges in the magazine, which contained seven in all, into the Collector's breast, and Mr. Jackson fell dead and bleeding, The "Browning" is a weapon with a very rapid fire and the whole incident had taken place so quickly, in about four seconds in all, that none of the horrified bystanders had any chance to do anything to prevent it.

NOISE LIKE CRACKERS OF WELCOME.

Mr. Jolley and several others, who were still outside the building, at first took the noise to be that of a fusillade of crackers fired in honour of the guest. Mr. Jolley, however, realised almost at once that something very serious had happened and for a young official whose arrival in India dates only some three weeks ago, showed great presence of mind. He was now the only European in or near the building. He rushed inside and seized the murderer by the right wrist ; Mr. Khopekar also held him by the left arm and the pistol was taken from him by a third person. In the meantime the murderer seeing he was about to be surrounded and apparently in a dazed condition of excitement, held the pistol which he did not appear to realise was empty, to his head in a vain attempt to commit suicide. However, he was securely held and in fact made no resistance. He merely said to his captors, "Don't catch me. I have done my duty. I am not running away."

Mr. Jackson's body, lying in pools of blood upon the floor, was a ghastly sight and death probably was instantaneous upon the first shot. Three Indian doctors, who were in the audience Drs. Kulkarni, Kirloskkar and Sharfurazali, at once rushed forward but announced that life was extinct. At the same time, the young lady who had come in just behind Mr. Jackson and had had a narrow escape herself of being hit, showed with her companion remarkable courage. They both passed out and drove off for Captain Betts, I.M.S., the Civil Surgeon. He came as quickly as possible, but he also, of course, pronounced life to be extinct. Mr. Jackson's chest had been riddled with bullets and he had several wounds which alone, probably, would each have proved fatal.

ANOTHER WEAPON FOUND.

Mr. Jolley, meanwhile, had remained in the theatre with the body of the late Collector, while as soon as the Police could be summoned, the murderer was taken to the lock-up. A search of his clothing had been made directly after his capture, and concealed about him a second fire-arm was found, an ordinary bull-dog revolver, loaded in all its five chambers.

IDENTITY OF ACCUSED.

The assassin proved to be a Brahman youth of 18, of slight built about 5ft. 4in. in height, of fair complexion and a Konkani. His name is Anant Luximon Kanhere, and he is a native of Ratnagiri, but lately has been living at Anrangabad, Deccan, where he has an uncle and where he has been educated. He is known to have taken train yesterday from Munmad. As far as can be discovered at present, he is not known in Nasik, but it is presumed that at least he must have visited the place before. He made no secret of his motive. He said he had read in the *Kesari* and other vernacular papers of the trial and sentence of Savarkar (recently convicted of conspiracy to wage war against the King) and he had of his own accord come to Nasik to avenge the convict.

It is stated that a paper was found in his pocket, in which it was written that Mr. Jackson always said good things, but did nothing useful, and that he practised "zoolum" on the people.

This morning the accused was brought before Mr. Nissim, Acting District Magistrate, and the Police Court proceedings were formally opened. Mr. J. V. Cook, Superintendent of Police, asked for a remand for fifteen days.

An inquest was also held by the Deputy District Collector at which a verdict of murder was given.

PUBLIC MEETINGS OF SYMPATHY.

The Nasik Municipality, at a special general meeting this morning, recorded its deep sorrow and abhorrence of this wicked deed and adopted a letter of condolence to Mrs. Jackson. The public offices, Courts, schools and shops are closed and the whole city is in mourning for the outrage.

A public meeting of the citizens under the Presidency of Sardar Vinchukar has been held, expressing sorrow and abhorrence. The meeting was largely attended and including people from the Mofussil.

A large number of native gentlemen have also sent messages and gifts of flowers to the late Collector's bungalow to which his body has been removed.

MR. JOLLEY'S NARRATIVE.

Mr. Jolley, the young Assistant Collector, who accompanied the late Mr. Jackson to the theatre, told what he had seen to our special correspondent briefly and simply.

He said : I went with Mr. Jackson and two ladies to the theatre in two carriages and arriving, Mr. Jackson and we all alighted and the Collector walked to the door. He was there welcomed by two of the leading natives, while others were waiting inside to receive him. I was a few yards behind him, and almost directly he had passed through the door and out of my sight, I heard the sound of the shots. I did not at once realise what had happened, but then I rushed through the door and saw the murderer standing with a pistol in his hand and Mr. Jackson lying on the floor. I rushed at the murderer and caught him by the right arm, while Mr. Khopekar took him by the left. We held him and some one, I do not know who, wrenched away the pistol. The Collector was dead; he must have died at once. We searched the murderer and found a fully loaded revolver upon him. There was, of course, much disorder in the theatre, but after the Doctors had looked at the Collector and said he was dead, the people began to go away.

A Nasik correspondent writes :—I am sending you a few particulars in connection with the tragedy which occurred on Tuesday night in the Vijiyanand Theatre. Our late Collector had made himself extremely popular in this district amongst Europeans and Natives alike by his courtesy to rich and poor. Nothing was a trouble to him and his heart was in his work. In consequence of his transfer prior to taking leave to Europe, all classes vied with each other in providing "pan supari" parties to bid him farewell, invitations to which he freely accepted. Amongst these came an invitation to a native theatre. Mr. Jackson entered the theatre at 9-30 p. m. with a party consisting of Mr. Jolley, I.C.S., and two ladies. As he entered he was met by Mr. Khopekar, District Deputy Collector, with whom he exchanged salutations and on getting inside a youth, seated near the entrance, shot him in the back with a Browning automatic pistol. Mr. Jackson turned round and received part of the rest of the contents of the magazine as he faced his assassin. Death was instantaneous.

The whole affair was one of seconds, the murderer being then seized by Mr. Khopekar and others and disarmed before he succeeded in committing suicide which he attempted. When searched, a bull-dog revolver, as well as the Browning pistol referred to above, was found in his possession. The culprit is a slight fair youth of about 18 years of age. He is not known to the Nasik Police.

The matter of course is under strict investigation. But so much is known that the accused in his confession has stated that his original home was in Khed, Ratnagiri district, that he left it years ago and has since then lived under the care of his uncle, one Govind Bhaskar Bhave, a contractor of Hyderabad Deccan, both at Hyderabad and more recently at Aurangabad, and at the latter place he received most of his education. The cause of the murder was undoubtedly the active part Mr. Jackson had to take in the preliminary enquiry in the case against G. D. Sawarkar, and the accused at present states that he resolved to kill the Collector on seeing it stated that he would attend the theatre, in a hand bill given him (the accused) on the bathing ghat.

Eye-witnesses state that Mr. Jackson entered the theatre with one of the party and was welcomed by a group of native gentlemen. The assassin fired first in front, piercing the chest and then again as Mr. Jackson fell forward. The other members of the party were outside the theatre at the time and regarded the shot as crackers of welcome. The Assistant Collector seized the right arm of the murderer on arriving inside the theatre, realising that the Collector had been attacked, wrenched the pistol away, Mr. Khopekar and others seized him also. Death was instantaneous.

MAHARAJA OF KOLHAPUR'S SYMPATHY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KOLHAPUR, DECEMBER 23.

A grand meeting of the citizens of Kolhapur was held under the auspices of the Maratha Education Society presided over by His Highness Shri Shahu Chatrapati Maharaja of Kolhapur, G.C.S.I., G.C.V.O., LL.D., and the following speeches were made and resolutions were unanimously passed.

The meeting was opened by Rao Sahib Bajeerao Vichare, Honorary Secretary of the Maratha Education Society.

The following speech was read by Rao Bahadur Dewan Sahib on behalf of His Highness the Maharaja, Sahib :—

"Sardars and Gentlemen,—I have to perform to-day the melancholy duty of presiding at this meeting to give expression to our feelings of deep abhorrence and heartfelt grief at the dastardly crime committed only recently at Nasik.—I mean the cold blooded murder of my friend, Mr. Jackson. Some years back he acted as Political Agent here for a short time and most of you know him in that capacity. But I have known him since I was a boy. The acquaintance soon ripened into friendship and I have to-day to mourn the loss not only of a sympathetic Political Officer but a personal friend whom I always respected; honoured and loved and whose advice I ever valued most highly. I am speaking, of course, of my personal loss and I look upon it as a very heavy blow to me. But though you had not the privilege of knowing him intimately as I did, I am quite sure you too are not unaware of the sterling qualities of head and heart he possessed. It is not for me to say anything of him as an Officer. His work and worth in that capacity will no doubt be duly appreciated by Government. But what endeared him to us all, and I may say to all Indians, was his real sincere sympathy for the natives of this country. He took the deepest interest in them irrespective of caste or creed, and his love for them was unbounded.

"His deep researches in the Sanskrit literature, in the field of antiquities and his scholarly knowledge of that language embued him with a feeling bordering on affection for the people of this country. He was ever courteous and affable and I always thought that if there were more Jacksons the East and West would much sooner be drawn close

together. I have, however, to say with a sigh that he died a martyr to these very traits of his character, a martyr to his amiability, his courtesy and his accessibility, and, if I may say so, a martyr to his thorough knowledge of Sanskrit and Marathi. Being a Marathi scholar he was tempted to attend a theatrical entertainment got up for him at which a well known Marathi dramtp was performed. There treacherous villany was lurking in the dark to take his life, with what motives I am, indeed, at a loss to make the remotest guess and he fell a victim to it. My heart is full and I am unable to say anything more. I trust you will all join me in performing the last duty to our friend, viz., giving public expression to our deep grief at the tragic end of his noble life and an emphatic abhorrence of the mean and dastardly crime committed by the fell assassin."

The following proposal was made by Meherban Dattajirao alias Balasaheb Ghatage and was seconded by Khanderao Gaekward, Chief Secretary to His Highness, and was passed unanimously :—" That this meeting of the citizens of Kolhapur, held under the auspices of the Maratha Education Society, presided over by His Highness Shahu Chatrapati Maharaja of Kolhapur, G.C.S.I., G.C.V.O., LL.D., etc., desires to give expression to its deepest grief at the tragic end of the life of Mr. A. M. T. Jackson, I.C.S., C.I.E., for some time Political Agent at Kolhapur and Southern Maratha Country, and to their profound and heartfelt sympathies with his bereaved family. They further desire to put on record their deepest abhorrence of the meanest and dastardly crime which terminated his life."

The following proposal was made by Rao Sahib N. Y. Pradhan and was seconded by Rao Sahib Dajirao Vichare and was unanimously carried:—"That copies of the above resolutions be sent to Mrs. Jackson and to the Bombay Government through the Political Agent, Kolhapur, and S. M.C."

FEELING IN CALCUTTA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 23.

News of the Nasik outrage has been received with horror and indignation, and the morning papers give eloquent expression to the general feelings.

The *Englishman* writes :—The most abominable of the terrorist crimes committed in Calcutta remain undetected, the Police in Eastern Bengal have found themselves totally baffled in tracing the headquarters of the dacoity conspiracy. The man who publicly threw a bomb at the Viceroy is still at large. There can be no question that were all those who protest their loyalty sincere, the terrorists would long ago have one by one been handed over to the Police, but not only do many of these so-called loyalists abstain from assisting the Government but they throw actual difficulties in the way of the Government. Every legal measure designed to crush sedition meets with the fiercest antagonism. Every action taken by the Police is criticised as the action of enemies.

The *Indian Daily News* says :—It has been suspected for some time past that the centre of terrorist outrage had shifted from Bengal to the Western Presidency, and this murder, following as it does the Ahmedabad attempt, is proof of it. It will lead to active investigation and we are sure that the people of the Presidency will loyally co-operate with Sir George Clarke in exterminating this new terrorist association. Already the Deccan, with its various factions, presents serious problem for the Bombay Government and the new development will only enhance the difficulties with which Sir George Clarke has been grappling.

The *Patrika* writes:—The news from Nasik that Mr. Jackson, I.C.S., was shot dead at a social function, will give a shock of sorrow to all. The deceased, it is said, was an able and popular officer and was about to be promoted to the post of Commissioner of Excise. The pity of it is that no remedy can be suggested to acts of criminal insanity of this kind. It is hardly necessary to assure our rulers that the whole country views such dastardly outrages with the deepest abhorrence. They really retard the progress of the country.

The *Statesman* and the *Bengalee* are silent.

MADRAS, DECEMBER 23.

Commenting on the assassination of Mr. Jackson at Nasik the *Madras Mail* says : " Mr Jackson's death at the hands of the assassin is deeply regrettable loss to the Indian Civil Service."

PANVEL, DECEMBER 23.

The prize distribution ceremony at the Panvel Cattle and Agricultural Show was a capital success. Sir John Muir-Mackenzie arrived in a steam launch and was received by the Collector, Khan Bahadur Hormusji Manekji, the President, Mr. Usuf Noormahomed and the Councillors of the Municipality. Mr. Atawane, the Secretary of the Shetki Sabha, before reading the report, alluded in sad terms to the atrocious murder of Mr. Jackson and stated how, with the help of Mr. Randive, Mamlatdar, the Sabha was started and a Show was held last year. The groundnut cultivation was proved to be a success and Mr. Atawane advised the people to sow groundnut in "warkas" soil.

Sir John paid a high tribute to the good work done by Mr. Jackson, and advised the educated classes to warn the younger generation to refrain from being influenced by Extremists. He eulogised the work of the Sabha and stated that if they grow groundnut or any other crop in "warkas" soil, the assessment would not be raised.

A resolution, condemning the murder of Mr. Jackson, was unanimously passed. The proceedings terminated with the distribution of "pan-supari" and the singing of the National Anthem.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 23.

Captain L. Evans, Royal Engineers, embarked for duty in India on the 11th December.

Lieutenant T.F. O'Malley is transferred from the 22nd Cavalry to the 7th Lancers.

Major H. S. Hamilton, Lancashire Fusiliers, retired from the service on 6th February.

Colonel Wilson, Assistant Adjutant General, Poona, has been granted an extension of tenure to complete 4 years.

Lieut.-Colonel Shakespear, 6th Cavalry, has been selected as Commandant of that Regiment.

Major H. D. Watson, 1st Battalion, 2nd Gurkhas, is appointed Commandant of the 2nd Battalion, 9th Gurkhas.

Major S. B. Grimston, 18th Lancers, is appointed Commandant of that Regiment.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mr. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes as bright as a button. It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by medicine dealers everywhere.

AGRICULTURE IN BOMBAY.

The following Government Resolution, passed on the annual Report of the Department of Agriculture of the Bombay Presidency for the year 1908-09, is published :—

The Governor in Council has perused the report with great interest. The commendable promptitude with which it was submitted enabled it to be discussed by the Agricultural Conference which was summoned at the end of September 1909. The result of the Conference was to show that the work of the Department and College as described in the report and appendices had excited a genuine and lively interest throughout the Presidency. There can be no question that during the year 1908-09 remarkable progress has been made by the Department in convincing the public that it is doing useful work and has an unlimited amount of such work to do. This progress is due largely to the steady and vigorous efforts of the staff, both Educational and Executive, to get in touch with the people by all the means at their command, whether through shows and exhibitions, through demonstrations on the farms, through the publication of infomation by means of leaflets, or by the establishment of Agricultural Associations. Practical results were seen in the distribution of the seed of hybrid cotton in Surat with a substantial profit to the growers, the extension of the cultivation of Broach cotton in Dharwar, the wide and profitable distribution of foreign groundnuts, the keen demand for selected seeds, concentrated manures, improved implements and even machinery, such as the Cawnpore chain pump and the power cane-crushing machine. Demonstrations at the shows attracted crowds of people some of whom must have carried away valuable lessons.

Testimony like that mentioned in paragraph 21 of the report as being given by the Patel of Casegaon in the Satara District to the economy of the Poona sugar-boiling pan and furnace, is an unmistakeable indiction of genuine assimilation by the intelligent cultivating class of the information which the Department is able to impart.

Cotton and sugarcane bulk largely in the operations of the year. The importance and value of these crops are fully sufficient to justify the amount of attention bestowed upon them, and to account for the interest which has been attracted to the work of the Agricultural Department in relation to them. But the activities of the Department have been extended in other directions too numerous to mention.

The Governor in Council especially approves the experiments which are being made in dry-farming and other means of improving the practice of ordinary cultivation and increasing production by simple processes for husbanding moisture in the soil and preventing exhaustion of its manurial constituents by means of skilful tillage and systems of cropping adjusted to local conditions. He observes also with satisfaction that there is a probability of the researches of Professor Knight and Dr. Mann resulting in the discovery of effective and economical substitutes for rab in the cultivation of rice. There can be no question that the difficulty of providing rab is in many places likely to increase rather than diminish. Lands in private occupation are being steadily exhausted owing to the heavy demand upon them for the supply of fuel to the City of Bombay and other towns. The Forest Reserves, so far from restricting the supply of rab materials, may before long be the only source from which they can be obtained. Much can, it is hoped, be done to retard denudation by inculcating proper systems of lopping such as are embodied in Mr. Orr's woodland system, but an incalculable benefit will have been conferred on the rice-growers of the Ghauts and Konkan, if means can be found to reduce their dependance on rab materials without increasing the cost of cultivation or diminishing production.

NEW ASSOCIATIONS.

Valuable evidence of the interest excited by the work of the Department is to be found in the establishment of ten new Agricultural Associations during the year, the greater number of which have commenced active experimental work. As Mr. Keatinge remarks, Associations may best be regarded "not as substitutes for individual work but as the expression of it," and inasmuch as there has been no attempt to force them into existence, their establishment is proof of the development of that individual initiative which the Director rightly emphasises as absolutely essential to the spread of agricultura improvement.

The Governor in Council notices with special satisfaction the beginnings of expansion of the work of the Department in Sind under the skilled and judicious guidance of Mr. Henderson. The cultivation of Egyptian cotton received a severe check owing to the failure of the Jamrao and other causes. Mr. Henderson, however, has completely demonstrated the mode in which its cultivation can be made a success. The difficulty will be in inducing the people to adopt his methods, which require not only capital to start with but strenuous labour. Further demonstrations are to be made on a considerably larger scale, and the Governor in Council is by no means without hopes that the difficulty may be overcome when the undoubtedly profitable nature of the undertaking is realised.

Among the appendices is included the first annual report of the Poona Agricultural College, which represents the latest development of efforts begun more than twenty years ago to introduce higher agricultural education into the Presidency. The report is both interesting and important. In future years it should be printed in large type with a separate review. The increase of passed students, formerly Diplomates, now Bachelors of Agriculture from none in 1901, one in 1902, to twenty-one in 1908 and twenty-six in 1909 constitutes a remarkable record. The total attendance at the College which in 1909 reached 106 shows a similar upward tendency. Recent revisions of the curriculum, which have been sanctioned by Government, and which were evidently much needed, will increase the popularity of the course while in no way detracting from the practical efficiency for which it is distinguished.

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

At the Conference in September no subject attracted keener interest or more intelligent discussion than Agricultural education. There was evidently a general feeling that in addition to the higher and more scientific education now imparted in English, some provision should be made for teaching necessarily of a less advanced description in the vernacular. Some speakers advocated the teaching of agriculture in primary schools. This, however, as the Director of Public Instruction explained to the Conference, would be wholly impracticable and a mistake, if it were practicable. The teaching of agriculture must be given by an Agricultural Expert. The primary school master cannot be equipped for the purpose. A basis of sound, general primary education is the least that is required for learning even the elements of scientific agriculture. But other speakers at the Conference suggested intermediate agricultural classes or schools for the instruction of cultivators who have received enough primary education to understand the instruction to be imparted in the Vernacular. This object is well worth considering. It is under-stood that Dr. Mann, Principal of the Agricultural College, has in hand a scheme for starting such classes at the College. The Governor in Council would be glad to receive Dr. Mann's proposals, but is inclined to think that it would be even better if such schools or classes could be started away from the dry-nursing influence of the College—say one in each Division, with an Agricultural Graduate in charge, who would work independently subject of course to inspection and supervision by superior officers of the Department and of the College. Such schools or classes would be located in the vicinity of the farms in each Division and would be open to the vernacular-knowing population of the neighbourhood. The Director and Principal should submit to Government any proposals they would be disposed to make for the start of such schools or classes. Government will be prepared to find a modest sum for the purpose in the coming year's budget.

The Department appears to be peculiarly well-staffed—hardly an officer can be mentioned whose efficiency is not equalled by his enthusiasm. Perseverance on present lines is certain to yield results of the greatest value to the people and the country.

Much credit is due to District Officers and private individuals for assistance given in the organisation of shows and association and other work of the Department. The especial acknowledgments of the Governor in Council should be conveyed to the gentlemen mentioned by the Director in paragraph 40 of his report.

In one point only has a note of apprehension been sounded in relation to the work of Department. At the Conference fear was expressed that increased production due to agricultural improvement might be used as a basis for enhancing the land-revenue assessment. In addressing the Conference, the President gave an unqualified assurance that this fear was entirely groundless. Government desire to confirm this assurance without any reservation whatever. One of the fundamental bases of the revenue system of this Presidency is the entire and perpetual exemption from assessment of improvements effected by the ryat. This exemption extends to every class of improvement including improvements in the processes of agriculture no less than works of improvement such as wells, bunds, tals and the like. No opportunity should be lost of impressing on all classes of the cultivating and land-owning population that no violation or evasion of this principle will ever be countenanced or tolerated by Government.

THE ENLARGED COUNCILS.

Jain Representation.

THE following Memorial of the Jain Community as represented by the "Jain Graduates' Association," the "Sthanakwasi Jain Conference" and the "Jain Young Men's Association of India," has been addressed to the Viceroy :—

Most respectfully Sheweth,—That your Excellency's Memorialists are members of the two Associations and the Conference abovenamed. The "Jain Graduates' Association" consists of the graduates of the different Universities of India who belong to the Swetamber Jain community, and the "Jain Young Men's Association of India consists of educated members of all the Jain sects such as the Swetambers the Digambers and the Sthanakwas is, and the "Sthanakwasi Jain Conference" represents the Sthanakwasi Swetamber Jains.

Your Excellency's Memorialists beg on behalf of their community to tender their best thanks to your Excellency's Government for the scheme of reforms in the system of representation to the Provincial and Supreme Legislative Councils which has now been finally sanctioned.

Your Excellency's memorialists are sure that this step of the Government whereby the educated section of the Indian communities will be afforded an opportunity of taking a larger share in the administration of their country's affairs, will promote the loyalty of the ruled towards the rulers and your Excellency's Viceroyalty will be ever gratefully remembered by the people of this country for this act of wise and broadminded statesmanship.

Your Excellency's memorialists have no doubt also that those of their countrymen who will be called upon to serve in the expanded Councils, will, one and all discharge their functions with the consciousness of a duty they owe to their country to assist the Government in the management of their country's affairs and not with the idea of enjoying merely a right which has been bestowed upon them by a beneficent Government.

Your Excellency's Government have already recognised the principle of securing to what are known as "Important Minorities" a fair chance of representation on the enlarged Councils and your Excellency's memorialists feel certain that the Jain community which holds a front rank among the diverse races and creeds in India in commercial and industrial activities, which has of late been making rapid strides in education, and which, while it has done not a little for the promotion of Indian enterprises and industries, has been characterised throughout by a staunch loyalty and adherence to the British Sovereignty in this land, has a claim to be recognised as an "Important Minority."

The total Jain population in British India is only about 13 lacs, but the social and commercial status of the community has been so very important that, as pointed out on one occasion by your Excellency's predecessor Lord Curzon, almost half the wealth of India passes, through the hands of the Jains.

Already during the regime of your Excellency's predecessor in office, the importance for trade and commerce for this country was unmistakably recognised by making room for a special department for commerce in the divisions for carrying on the executive administration of the country. The overwhelmingly large share which as has been just pointed out, is being taken in the commercial and industrial activities of the country by the community to which your Excellency's memorialists belong, entitles it, as your Excellency's memorialists submit to have its own representative as well on the Supreme Legislative Council as on the Provincial Councils.

Your Excellency's memorialists have been much pleased to learn in answer to a Memorial addressed to His Excellency the Governor of Bombay in Council that the Provincial Government have determined to pay due regard to the importance of the Jains as a community, in exercising the power of nomination for certain seats on the Council, which has been granted to His Excellency the Governor in Council, by the legislature. Your Excellency's memorialists have implicit confidence in the good faith of the Government and they feel no doubt that the Bombay Government will not fail to avail themselves of the first opportunity to nominate a member on the Council to voice the sentiments of the Jain community.

Your Excellency's memorialists pray that, considering the very great importance of the Jains, such a representation should be allowed to their community also on the Supreme Legislative Council, and that a declaration to that effect should be made immediately, and incorporated formally into the Regulations which have been recently published, when they are revised for the first time.

Your Excellency's memorialists do not pray for the formation of an electorate from amongst their own community for the election of their representatives. But they will rest content with the nomination of some one representative member by your Excellency in Council, under the powers vested in your Excellency by the Legislature in that behalf.

Your Excellency's memorialists, however, venture to suggest that before the nomination of such a member on the Council, your Excellency's Government will consult the three representative Jain bodies, the Jain Swetamber Conference, the Jain Digamber Mahasabha, and the Jain Sthanakwasi Conference as to the qualifications for elegibility of particular members of the community.

Your Excellency's memorialists therefore pray that one of the seats for nomination in the Supreme Legislative Council which are to be reserved for "Important Minorities" be filled up by the appointment of some member of the Jain community after consultation with representative Jain bodies, and a declaration be made to that effect for the future guidance of the Executive. And your Excellency's Memorialists will, as in duty bound, ever pray.

"PEACE ON EARTH."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—The writer "Peace" has misnamed himself, he should style himself "Ebenezer Scrooge: He forgets how many young folks he would deprive of their Christmas jollity by banishing the despised Piano and Gramophone. Has "Peace" never been young? Let "Peace" take his book or pipe (I presume he is a bachelor) and spend his day alone on the seashore, or in the hills, and thus enable all who wish to be merry, to enjoy themselves without a thought for the miserable creature who would turn them into automatons on the day that should be the happiest and jolliest in the year, especially for the young. Give us the old time Christmas Carols and let us keep up the 'good old English Customs.' It is time "Peace" went home, if he is an Englishman, he has my greatest sympathy.

A MOTHER.

ENGLISH COMEDY COMPANY AT THE "NOVELTY."

THE English Comedy Co., under the direction of Mr. Sydney T. Peese, open a short season at the Novelty Theatre, Bombay, on New Year's Day with "For the King" described as "a cavalier play." It is a play of the period of Charles I. and Cromwell and the mounting will be an exceptional scale. The most notable fact about this Company is the first class character of the artist. They are people, who are thoroughly experienced and have each occupied important positions on the London Stage. We would draw attention to the Company's repertoire which appears in our advertisement columns, and which includes amongst others celebrated pieces, Bernard Shaw's comedy "You never can tell," and Sir Henry Irving's master piece "The Bells" preceded by Sir Conan Doyle's graphic sketch, "Waterloo."

SPORTING NEWS

BOMBAY HUNT.

HOUNDS met yesterday at Santa Cruz, the morning being cooler than experienced lately. A representative field including four ladies were out to enjoy the sport provided and it is pleasing to record a run down the Goregaum woods instead of into the Powai hills as has been the case so frequently this season. The covers on the way to Parla held a jackal and hounds spoke to the line close to the familiar dried up tank. With much music they tore across the paddy fields but suddenly swerved round parallel with the railway. It looked as if the jackal intended to cross the embankment, but hounds were evidently too close upon him to permit such an escape. Past Irla and then right away from the railway towards Chuckla, the chase continued at a nice pace; then over Chuckla hill and across the lane into the Bomanwadi Valley. Crossing the Andheri Road near the cross there was a scramble for the field to get through the lane leading over the Mango Tope. Hounds were a little at fault near Roberts' corner, but quickly picking up the line led the way over Sunday Hill and the grass-lands beyond on to Marole Hill near the caves. Here a lengthy check occurred but eventually the line was picked up on the Andheri side of the hill and a pleasant hunt ensued through the Goregaum woods, the line bearing slightly left handed. Reaching the large nullah which runs down from the hills, hounds seemed a little puzzled as the jackal appeared to have swung back a short distance. They had however worked out the manœuvre and had regained their position when a loud hollon was heard some distance along the nullah from one of the field who had apparently viewed the jackal away in that direction. The huntsmen quickly lifted the pack to the spot, where it is alleged the jackal had been seen but they could make nothing of the line. It is difficult to find fault with the well meant action of the ardent sportsman who was responsible for this break in the proceedings but it is to be regretted that he was not aware that hounds had regained the line; the jackal however in the meantime had been able to get so far away in the jungle that a pleasant hunt was forced to come to an unsatisfactory conclusion as the pack never afterwards were able to speak with any certainty to the line and were eventually called off on the slope of one of the grassy hills near the railway.

The Master has kindly arranged a Bye day for this morning, and the meet will take place on Jackal Hill at daybreak.

LARGE ELEPHANT SHOT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 23.

News has been received that a huge tusker has been shot near Kurseong when it had come within about 30 yards range. Mr. H. K. Robinson fired two shots in rapid succession with his 577 express at the front end of an object with the intention of driving it away as it was impossible to see either the sight or even the barrel of the gun in such a light suddenly the animal collapsed utterly and fell over on its left side to the great relief of the terrified natives.

ALL-INDIA BOXING TOURNAMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SECUNDERABAD, DECEMBER 23.

A new departure regarding the holding of the All-India Boxing Tournaments will be shortly introduced. Hitherto the tournaments were held in places such as Secunderabad, Umballa and Lucknow, but under the new arrangements they will be held probably either at Calcutta or Bombay after the divisional tournaments have been held and only winners and runners up will be allowed to enter. The arrangement will doubtless recommend itself to lovers of the noble art as it will easily decide the bona fide championship of India in the various weights. The Secunderabad division is presenting four championship cups to be competed for as well as money prizes which, it is thought, likely to attract the best men in the big tournament and thus lead to South India carrying off one or more championships.

YACHT CLUB RACES.

The following race sailed on Saturday, the 18th instant :—

"C" CLASS RACE.—Sailed at 3-50 p.m.

Names of Boats.	Time Allowances.	Entered by	Time of Arrival.	Corrected Time.
	M. S.		H. M. S.	H. M. S.
Coralie	3 25	Officers Glou-ceater Regt.	Did not start.	
Maud	2 3	Officers R.E.	6 6 34	2 14 31
Clutha	00 41	J. J. Welch	6 2 51	2 7 10
Lapwing	2 44	C. N. Moberly	6 13 9	2 20 25
Valkyrie	2 44	R. Walker	6 8 7	2 15 23
Curlew	1 22	C. A. Wordsworth	6 13 19	2 21 57
Sitara	4 6	J. Wardlaw Milne	6 20 34	2 26 28
Jean	10 15	B C Reade	6 18 18	2 18 3
Marie Louise	4 47	K. MacIver	6 20 1	2 24 14
Weewin	Scr.	L.C.Hopcroft	6 5 59	2 15 59

Course: Committee Vessel to Tucker Beacon, thence to Mark Buoy, leaving both to starboard, thence to N. Kuranja to Port, thence to Ces. Vessel. 8·16 miles Wind W. N. W. strength moderate. Time-limit 6·15 p.m.

1st Prize won by Clutha.
2nd Prize won by Maud.
3rd Prize won by Valkyrie

CALCUTTA RACES.

Notes on the Trials and Selections.

THE TRIALS RUN TO-DAY.

AMONGST the probable starters for this race Soultline stands out by himself. He was the champion sprinter in Australia and there won over distances varying from 6 furlongs to a mile, carrying top weight in big handicaps such as the Newmarket and the Toorak. His form in India has also been brilliant. He has started four times winning thrice and running second once. The three races he has won have been all terms races, the last one being the December Plate on the 11th instant. In two of these races he beat Tangaroa, the winner of last year's Trials. The only time Soultline was beaten it was by Crossbred who was receiving 14lbs. from him and was rather lucky to win. Soultline was not properly wound up, at that time having been landed in India only in June last.

Tangaroa is another prominent starter. But for Soultline, he would very easily repeat his last year's success. In Soultline, he has a very hard and impossible nut to crack. He won last Saturday over 5 furlongs very easily and will account for all except Soultline.

Crossbred was not in the first flight last year, but he has evidently improved and his victory over Soultline in the Poona Trials commands our attention. His running in Calcutta this year has not been so far very promising but he might be at his best by the Trials day and night just manage to get into a place.

Vigorous seems to have regained his Australian form, as shown by his victory in the December Plate on the 11th instant, but his running last Saturday in the Fort Plate is disappointing and he does not seem to have much chance.

Huka is a new horse to this country having started only once when he ran second to Tangaroa in the Fort Plate on the 18th instant. He will run better the next time he starts. But there is no probability of his beating Soultline and Tangaroa. One thing to be borne in mind about him is that he is very bad at the gate

Fizz and Retort are other likely starters, but their chances are rosier in the Cup than the Trial and I have no liking for them for the shorter race.

Pelargonium has ruined his chances by hurting himself at exercise and he is a very doubtful starter.

Wandin also will be better suited by the longer distance and even otherwise he cannot do much against Tangaroa and Soultline over their favourite distance.

The others can safely be ignored. Thus taking everything into consideration. I am inclined to think that they will finish in the following order :—

Soultline	1
Tangaroa	2
Huka	3

THE VICEROY'S CUP.

(RUN DECEMBER 27.)

The result of the Trials cannot have any bearing on the chances of the horses engaged in the Cup. It is rather unfortunate that some of the best horses have been disabled by bad legs and accident from competing in this race, the Blue Ribband of India. Of those that have been scratched Neith and Bantock on their form had a great chance and were greatly fancied by their respective stables until they broke down. Amongst the doubtful starters Peru and Pelargonium would have been strong favourites but for their mishaps.

Peru won some big races in Australia and he holds the time record for 2 1-4 miles. That he is a great horse was proved by his winning the Aga Khan's Cup in Poona last September, when not fully wound up and very much on the big side. If he had been well and trained without being now and again stopped in his work owing to leg troubles he would most certainly have won this year's Cup, and still if he starts in the Cup and is fancied by his connections he is bound to render a good account of himself.

Pelargonium is another horse who, but for the accident he met with at exercise, would have troubled the judge. His victory in the Byculla Cup in Bombay in last February was a meritorious performance. He won this race as well as the Cooch Behar Cup last year in Calcutta very easily. His form in Poona this year can safely be ignored as looking at his past performances it was too bad to be true. If he gets all right in time he will be started in the Cup race, but it is doubtful if he can beat the other horses who are trained to the hour.

With these four horses out of the race practically, it has lost much of its interest. The race has become very open and all the second raters have got a look in now.

Wandin, the Viceroy's Cup winner of last year, has also not been doing well. But even otherwise he has done nothing remarkable after winning last year's Cup and his form has been poor.

Retort seems to have a good chance this year. She won races at Mysore with welter weights on her back and that she is in form was proved by her winning the Wellesley Plate last Saturday. She is a game mare and is sure to run well.

Master Delaval, is a new one and comes from New Zealand, where he has put up some good performances. He is a good stayer and his running second in the Wellesley Plate over a distance which is a little short for him indicated that he is in form. He is greatly fancied by his connections and is sure to get a place.

Soultline, the stable companion of Peru and Master Delaval has also been entered for the Cup. It is evident that he was entered when it became doubtful whether Peru would keep right and with the idea that he might pull through with his extraordinary turn of speed. But it is to be hoped that the mistake that was made with Stirabout and Tangarea will not be repeated in his case. Both these horses won their Trials easily and were started in the Cup with a view that in case their stable companions failed they would win the Cup. They both, in spite of being champions over their own distance, failed signally in the Cup and suffered for a time from the severe race they had in the Cup. Besides Master Delaval can do duty for the stable.

Fizz attracts a lot of attention. He had been steadily improving ever since he landed in the country. He won the Merchants Plate at Calcutta last year. This year he won the Western India Stakes in Poona, beating some good horses and though he did not win last Saturday he is reported to have run well. He has had a good preparation and will take a lot of beating in the Cup race.

Crossbred is a probable starter, but I have no great fancy for him. So far he has run only over short distances. The only running that can be brought forward in his support is his victory over Soultline in Poona but I don't much believe that form and the results of the two big races will prove the truth of my assertion.

Five Crown is to do duty for Mr. Apcar in the absence of Neith, but I do not think Mr. Apcar could seriously mean to win the Cup with Five Crown. His form this year in Calcutta is very fair but he can have no pretensions to the Cup.

Kaffirpan and Misty Morn cannot have much chance, seeing that they ran so badly last year and have done nothing much since.

Devereux might start in the event of Pelargonium not being right to but his form in this country has been absolutely poor and he will run only to enlarge the field.

I do not think any other horse is worth mentioning.

Pelargonium has resumed work and is reported to be going well, and if he starts I cannot look beyond Pelargonium for the winner of this year's Cup, with Fizz and Retort to fill up the remaining places.

TIDE.

BOMBAY SANITARY ASSOCIATION.

Lecture on Malaria.

At the instance of Khan Saheb Ebrahim Hafiz under the auspices of the Bombay Sanitary Association, a lecture in Hindustani was delivered by Dr. Abdur Razak on "Malaria" at Mustan Tank to a Mahomedan audience of over 500 persons on Wednesday the 22nd instant at 5 p.m. (E.T.). Mr. Suleman Abdul Wahed, Sheriff of Bombay and several influential Mahomedan gentlemen were present. Dr. Turner occupied the chair.

Dr. Abdur Razak explained to the audience how malaria was caused and what they should do to prevent the spread of malaria. He dwelt on the precautionary and preventive measures by keeping their surroundings clean, free from accumulation of refuse and dampness of any kind in and around their dwellings and thus prevent the breading of mosquitoes which caused to spread the disease. He also advised them to take quinine during the malaria season and administer it to their children and other members of their family and their servants.

EXCELSIOR CINEMATOGRAPH.

The management of this popular show have decided to present a new programme the Christmas week. The programme is specially attractive and contains items to suit all tastes. This time the new programme will be presented from to-night, it being Christmas Eve. It opens with the comic realistic scene of a house under repairs and the pater familias is shown at his best or rather worst on series of mishaps that occur during the repairs. Christmas Dream is the second item and, as the designation denotes, is of course fanastic. Another comic projection on the screen is "Eat your Soup." Then comes the attractive film of a class for which the Ecclsior Show is so well known, a dramatic subject "The Two Friends," followed by "Romans of Boots." The pathetic part of the programme is the "Good Occasion," the whole show ending with the side splitting comic show, "Surprise of Flirtation." With this attractive programme the show is bound to fetch packed houses during Christmas week.

KARACHI FREIGHT MARKET

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, DECEMBER 23.

The freight market is firmer, but demand is inactive. The Ellerman line have booked a few thousand tons for Marseilles and Liverpool. Generally speaking, however, enquiry for tonnage is poor.

HOME REMITTANCES.

The Treasury, Calcutta, 18th Dec. 1909.

The weekly Memorandum of Remittances to the Home Treasury :—

1	Amount estimated in the Financial Statement to be remitted during 1909-10	£16,200,000
2	Amount of Sterling Demand Drafts on London drawn in India	£ 156,000
3	Total	£16,356,000
4	Remitted from 1st April 1909 to 18th Dec. 1909, by Council Bills*	£15,434,805
	By Gold	£ nil
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5	Balance to be remitted from 19th Dec. 1909 to 31st March, 1910	£ 921,195

* Of this sum £3,800,000 has been taken to the account of the Gold standard Reserve.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

(Bombay "Government Gazette," December 23.)

Mr. Raghunath Gangadhar Bhadbhade, First Class Subordinate Judge, Dharwar, to be Judge of the Court of Small Causes, Poona, vice Mr. Vinayak Vithal Tilak, retiring.

The Governor in Council is pleased to make the following appointments, vice Mr. Raghunath Gangadhar Bhadbhade :—Mr Gulabdas Laldas Nanavati to be First Class, First Grade, Subordinate Judge. Mr Ratanji Mancherji to be First Class, Second Grade, Subordinate Judge. Mr Govind Narayan Kelkar to be First Class, Third Grade, Subordinate Judge, taking rank next above Mr Ganesh Vinayak Patwardhan, and to do duty as First Class Subordinate Judge, Dharwar. Mr Venkatrao Vaikunth Wagh to be Second Class Joint Subordinate Judge, Dharwar.

Mr Vajirao Ramrao Gutikar, Joint Subordinate Judge, Rajapur, to act as Joint Subordinate Judge, Honavar, for a period of six months from 1st October.

Mr Vasudeo Daji Joglekar, on return from leave, to be Second Class Subordinate Judge, Bail-Hongal.

Mr Naranbhai Lallubhai Desai, District Deputy Collector, Surat, is granted privilege leave for one month from 22nd November.

Mr Bhikaji Raghunath Mehendale to be Second Class Subordinate Judge, Haveri.

Mr Kashinath Gurunath Kulkarni, on relief, to act as second class, Fourth Grade, Subordinate Judge, Bhiwandi.

Mr Govind Balwant Laghate, on relief, to be Second Class Subordinate Judge, Pimpalgaon.

Mr Chintaman Gopal Kharkar, on relief, to act as Second Class, Fourth Grade, Joint Subordinate Judge, Nasik.

Mr. Balaji Bhaskar Kunte to be Second Class Subordinate Judge, Kalyan, displacing Mr Keshav Anant Sapre.

Mr. Ramgovind Lalbhai Patel, Mamlatdar taluka Dhandhuka in the district of Ahmedabad, is appointed, a Magistrate of the First Class in that district.

Mr S S Ghali, BA., Mamlatdar, Bijapur, is appointed, to be a Magistrate of the Second Class in that district.

Mr Hiranand Tahilram to act as Sixth Grade Deputy Collector in Sind during the absence on leave of Mr Asardas Motaram, or pending further orders.

Mr Shantvirappa Virsangappa Menainkai Huzur Deputy Collector, Dharwar is allowed an extension by eight days of the privilege leave for one month granted to him.

Rao Saheb Virupakshappa Dandappa Manwi, residing at Gadag is appointed with effect from the 1st January to be an Additional Conciliator under the Dekkhan Agriculturists' Relief Act in the Gadag Taulka in the Dharwar District.

Mr Behramji Padamji Registrar of the Court of Small Causes Poona is granted privilege leave on full pay for one month and fifteen days with effect from the 3rd January with permission to prefix the Christmas Holidays to it.

Mr V G Gupte, B A, L L B acting Nazir of the Court of Small Causes, Poona to act as Registrar of that Court during the absence on leave of Mr Behramji Padamji or pending farther orders.

Mr Samuel Joseph, LM & S, has been entertained as a temporary Assistant Surgeon and appointed temporarily to the medical charge of the Bai Mithibai Hormusji Wadia Dispensary, Kurla, with effect from the 11th December vice Assistant Surgeon M J Mistri, LM & S, granted leave.

Assistant Surgeon M J Mistri, LM & S, in charge of the Bai Mithibai Hormesji Wadia Dispensary, Kurla, has been granted one month's privilege leave with effect from the 11th December.

The following transfer and appointment of Mamlatdars are ordered :—Mr Ramgovind Lalbhai Patel, Mamlatdar of Chorasi, to do duty at Dhandhuka; Mr Maganbhai Madhubhai Mehta, Treasury Awal Karkun, Viramgam, to act at Chorasi.

Mr Ramchandra Keshav Kulkarni, Awall Karkun Salsette, acted as Mamlatdar of that taluka from the 1st September to 14th October (both days inclusive) being the period intervening between the date of giving over charge of his office by Mr Annaji Ramchandra Pathe and the arrival of Mr Jayaram Parashram Raje.

The following transfers of Mamlatdars are ordered :—(1) Mr. Hari Pandurang Deshmukh, B.A. on the expiration of his leave on 7th January 1910, to be Mamlatdar of Raver, Mr. Indolikar reverting; (2) Mr Govind Jagannath Padhye, acting Huzur Deputy Collector, Ahmednagar, on relief to be Mamlatdar of Walwa and to draw the first class magisterial allowance attached to that taluka, and (3) Mr Dinkar Ganesh Patwardhan, B A, on relief by Mr Padhye to be Mamlatdar of Khanapur, Mr Kale reverting.

Mr G Monteath, ICS, to be President of the Taluka Local Boards of Kumta, Honavar, Siddapur and Sirsi in the Kanara District vice Mr Baburav Yashavant Nerurkar, resigned.

Mr Mulchand Chunilal Desai is appointed to be a nominated member of the Taluka Local Board of Jambusar in the Broach District vice Mr Surajlal Maneklal, resigned Mr Gulabrai Dhirajram Lala is appointed to be a nominated member of the Taluka Local Board of Shahapur in the Thana District vice Mr Hargovan Lallubhai Talati, resigned.

Mr. Syedmian Bavamian has been elected a councillor for the Jamalpur of the Ahmedabad Municipality vice Mr Amirudin Husenipir, deceased.

Mr. Ramchandra Bhikaji Zende has been elected a councillor of the Yeola Municipality vice Mr Damodar Narayan deceased.

Messrs Bhabuta Gulal Patil and Abdulah Khan Guljarkhan have been elected councillors of the Shahada Municipality vice Messrs. Moheoddin Musloddin Kazi and Khupchand Chotmal Marwadi disqualified.

Mr. Narhar Vinayak Devkule Overseer is appointed to be a nominated member of the Taluka Local Board of Haveri in the Dharwar District vice Mr. Narsingrao Katre, Assistant Engineer, resigned on transfer.

Mr. G Monteath B A ICS, Assistant Collector, Kanara is appointed to be a nominated member of the Taluka Local Boards of Kumta Honavar Siddapur and Sirsi in the Kanara District vice Mr. B Y Nerurkar resigned.

Mr. Karim Saheb Ali Saheb Bijapur is appointed to be a nominated member of the Municipality of Athni in the Belgaum District vice Rao Bahadur R C Artal, resigned

BY THE WAY.

THE NEW FIRST LORD.

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Arthur Knyvet Wilson, von the Victoria Cross at El Teb, when the "Fuzzy-wuzzies" broke into the British square. He shat-tered his sword in meeting the rush, but held his ground magnificently, fighting with his fists, to the admiration and wonder of all who witnessed his gallant deed. He is known in the Navy as "Tug" Wilson, or "'Ard 'Eart," because of a certain stern-ness and austerity of temper, but he is honoured and admired by the whole Service for his zeal and energy. He is an officer who never talks Like Moltke, he might be described as the embodi-ment of silence. He is unmarried, and holds the G.C.B. and G.C.V.O.

A PEERESS'S BUSY DAY.

Never, perhaps, since the Hastings trial have happenings at Westminster attracted the peeresses as did the debates on the Finance Bill. The trial of Hastings, of course, was a Society function. An attendance at the Hall was quite in the day's work of the lady of fashion. The Duchess of Gordon s round of duties on a day in 1791 gives the illustra-tion. For the Duchess "went to Handel's music in the Abbey; she then clambered over the benches and went to Hastings's trial in the Hall; after dinner to the play; then to Lady Lucas's assembly; after that to Ranelagh, and returned to Miss Hobart's faro-table; gave a ball herself in the evening of that morning, into which she must have got a good way; and set out for Scotland the next day." The scurry and rush of Society folk is not so modern a failing after all!

MILTON ABBEY.

Milton Abbey, where the King has been the guest of Sir Everard Alexander Hambro, is one of the most attractive seats in a county famed for the scenic beauty of many of its old ancestral homes. Erected, in most part, during the eighteenth century by the Earl of Dorchester, upon the site once oc-cupied by a Benedictine Priory, Milton Abbey still retains many intersting features of its early days. An appanage of the original monastic foun-dation is the ancient Chapel of St. Catherine, situated on the crest of an eminence, and sheltered by finely timbered woods. The Abbey, which was purchased by the late Baron Hambro (father of Sir Everard), was visited by King George III. in the early part of his reign.

MR. ALFRED EAST AND LANDSCAPE-PAINTING.

Mr. Alfred East, A. R. A., in the "Art Chronicle," describes the teaching of landscape-painting in or, for that matter, in any other"—as "rotten." "Take Paris," he continued. "Go to Julians, or the Beaux Art, where I spent a few months years ago. What does the teaching amount to? Technique. Hundreds of men are turned out technically perfect and can do nothing. I admit I learnt something in Paris. I learnt the meaning of values." But nobody but a fool, Mr. East thinks would go to Paris to learn landscape-painting to-day. Far better, he added, go to the Royal Academy, in spite of the fact that they do nothing to teach art from a landscape-painter's point of view.

HIS OWN METHODS.

As to his own methods, Mr. East says he paints simply and directly from nature. "But understand me" says he "I am no party to any plot to stultify my own individuality even in front of Nature for I am a part of Nature myself. Why should I or you, or anybody so distort our reverence for Nature as to segregate ourslves from the earth, the trees, and the sky? We are ourselves, whether we will or no part of Nature handiwork. I constantly paint in the open, not necessarily to copy what I see, but to keep my eye in tune with Nature's pitch. Mr. East would rather a man sat down in front of nature and told a thumping lie on the can-vas providing it were his own lie, and he felt like it than he "would have him tamely perched on his camp-stool and repeat all the studio tittle-tattle he had heard since he was a boy and by slavishly sub-jugating his own personality attempt to saddle Nature with the result of his secondhand terminolo-gical inexactitudes."

"GREATER AUTHORITY."

Mr. East in conclusion, pleads for permission for modern landscape painters to exercise greater authority over their work: "To be allow-ed to approach their art in a spirit of inde-pendence. To take Nature and use her as a means to an end not meekly to sit and submit to be scolded until all power of individual movement is stultified. Great landscapes have as much conscious design about them as architecture. They are not literal transcripts. If they were every photographer would be able to beat the landscape painter at his own game. Let us have bone, muscle, blood in our work. Let us be able to smell the soil to feel the spirit of the moving water, the grip of the roots of trees in the earth, the rising of the sap, and the tender movements of the delicate twigs against the sky." Let us feel these things, Mr. East concludes, always remembering that it is the painter who translates them.

THE HORTICURAL YEAR.

The year that is rapidly drawing to a close has, according to "Country Life," been horticulturally of more than passing interest in England. A love of flowers seems to deepen and the ball of the Royal Horticultural Society in Vincent-square has been filled at the fortnightly meeting with plants new and well known and grown to perfection, such as only British gardener can accomplish. It is not only that cultural skill has been in evidence, but that the rare plants, chiefly from Western China, that have been introduced will in the near future become favourites in the people's gardens.

THE SHERIFF AND THE BULL.

The English Court of Appeal has decided that if a bull cross a field where there is no right-of-way and attacks a fractious horse takes a bite out of you you cannot blame on the owner of the brute for damages. There was once, the Edinburgh "Despatch" recalls, a Sheriff of Fife who forgot the law on this delicate point. He was crossing a field where an ill tempered bull was at grass, and he had the sprint of his life to put the fence between himself and his pursuer. He met the farmer on the road. "Confound you," he cried with ruffled dignity, "what do you mean by keeping that beast in that park?" "Ay, man," said the farmer, calmly, "and what where you doing in the park?" "Sir," said the furious man of law, "do you know that I am the Sheriff of Fife?" "Ay, man," replied the farmer, "did ye tell that to the bull?"

PEAR GRAFTED ON APPLE.

We are asked, says the "Field" if fruit experts have ever tried the apple as a stock on which to graft the pear, and, if so, with what results. Although members of the same genus (Pyrus), they belong to quite distinct species, and they have not been known to hybridise. The stocks used generally for pears are either the quince or the seedling pear, preferably of the wild type. Fruit tree nurserymen do not appear to have ever tried grafting the pear on the apple, although some of them declare that it would not answer. We are, however, assured by an amateur that he not only successfully worked a pear on an apple, but that he has now a large tree which was obtained in this way, and that the effect of the stock is shown in the late ripening of the pear fruit, and in a distinct change in its flavour.

MARKINGS IN WOOD.

For a long time a scientist in the United States Bureau of Forestry has collected specimens of wood of many species of trees to determine the origin of the blemishes and ornamental markings so often seen. Among the ornamental effects, valued in carpentry and cabinet-making, are those known as "bird's-eye," "curly," "burl," "wavy," "satined," besides curious carvings and embossings on the surface of the wood beneath the bark.

THEIR CAUSE AND ORIGIN.

It has been found that many of these appearances are the result of wounds inflicted by insects and birds. Birds cause a coarse "bird's-eye" effect in wood that they have punctured for sap, but the finer forms of bird's-eye maple are not caused by wounds thus inflicted but appear to be a character peculiar to certain individual trees. The effects produced by wounds made by sap-suckers appear to have suggested the artificial wounding of growing stems, intended to produce knotty walking-sticks and umbrella handles.

THE LADIES' CORNER.

PARIS MODES.

A great English actress says, a Paris lady cor-respondent is of opinion that her countrywomen do not devote nearly enough attention to two details of their toilette—to wit, their gloves and collars. We have heard a great many theories in old days about Englishwomen and their boots, but these are no longer any more true than the quaint idea which at one time used to be held "outre Manche," concern-ing us, viz., that our hair was usually red and our teeth prominent. We have in fact, grown so par-ticular as a nation concerning our footgear that it is no longer fair or true to perpetrate jokes about enormous ill-shod feet, and not only have such jokes passed outside the ream of humour, but one never hears them.

THE SUBJECT OF GLOVES.

It is, however, perfectly true that we are careless on the subject of our gloves, and, looking round, one can realise the truth of the collar indictment as well. The fit of our gloves is never such an impor-tant matter to us as the fit of our boots, and yet, to a well dressed Frenchwoman this point is one on which she cannot be too careful. It seems hardly conceivable, when one comes to think about it, that an Englishwoman should be so lax on the subject, for nothing improves the look of the hand so much or makes it appear so much smaller, than a really well-fitting pair of gloves, and experience usually teaches us that the purchase of cheap examples is one of those pet economies which often result in an increase in the dress budget in the long run. Sued gloves are always the best fitting, and make the hand look smaller than kid, black suede being the best of all for the purpose.

COLLARS AND JABOTS.

But the fit of the collar is one of the things we are even more inclined to overlook, provided we are conscious of no discomfort with the adjustment of whalebones. Neither do we assimilate the fact how important it is to study the height and formation of the neck in choosing a tie or jabot. The touch of white or creamy lace is everything to a dark woman the ivory tints being usually more becoming than the dead white by the cold and somewhat uncom-promising light of day while a woman with a short neck should never wear a high bow round her throat and it is always possible to produce a pointed effect in the collar in front which gives length to the neck at once.

BANDS OF BUGLE EMBROIDERY.

The velvet band fastened in front with a per-fectly flat bow, through which is slipped a diamond slide, has come back to favour, and is one of the most popular items of the moment; while a very pretty and original scheme which deserves mention, and which is employed by those women who cannot afford the wide jewelled collar, and whose dresses are trimmed with some of the rich embroideries of to-day, is to wear a broad band of the same broderie as that introduced in the gown round the throat, just as one would wear a band of velvet. So, many corsages have a lattice-work trimming of steel or aluminium beads that in the case of a woman past her first youth a band of the same is by no means a bad substitute for something costlier and unattain-able.

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GREEN ROOM GOSSIP.

MADAME BERNHARDT AS JOAN OF ARC.

M. Moreau was joint-author with Victorien Sardou in the writing of "Madame Sans-Gene," and, like that immortal work, his new play, "Le Proces de Jeanne d' Arc," produced at the Theatre Sarah Bernhardt in Paris, shows us historical per-sonages in new and startling lights. Jeanne d' Arc writes a Parisian critic has been pictured as angelic, heroic, martial, and almost divine, and now she is brought before us as a very human, excitable girl of nineteen, and little more. She sees visions and hears voices that are invisible and inaudible to the world, but otherwise she is a very simple maid. M. Moreau has had access to many old records of Lor-raine, and out of them he was woven a new version of the trial and condemnation of the Pucelle. No longer is she the victim of the Duke of Bedford and Bishop Cauchon, both of whom do their best to save her, but she is sacrificed rather by her own country-men—the tribunal of the University of Paris—bought with English gold, as attested by documentary evidence, says M. Moreau. It is a strange reversal of the story as told in school books in France, and the public follows this new idea with surprised in-terest. Mme. Sarah Bernhardt only appears in the second and third acts, and whilst the former is un-necessarily long for an introduction, the latter is in-complete without the central figure. The piece begins in a room of the Duke of Bedford's palace where the doings and fate of Jeanne are being hotly discussed. Bedford, who has visited her in prison, is under the spell of her youth and frankness and Queen Catherine, who has brought the half of France in dower to Henry of England is also on the side of the Maid of Orleans. But the Earl of Warwick and the Rector of the University of Paris with the Inquisitor are bent on convicting her of sorcery and declare that they have sufficient proof and if more were needed the infatuation of Bedford, who was clearly bewitch-ed, would serve.

JEANNE AND HER ACCUSERS.

Mme. Bernhardt wears a chain tunic, with a green stole from neck to knee, her head uncovered, and brown hair clustering over her shoulders. The interrogatory begins, and is in turn taken up by one and another of her accusers. When asked if she is in a state of grace, she replies: "Si je n'y suis pas, que Dieu m'y mette: si j'y suis, que Dieu m'y garde!" For all questions she has such double ready answers. When asked where she gets her art and learning, she retorts: "Il y a plus de verite dans le livre que je lis—moi, qui ne sais pas lire, que dans tous les volumes de votre Eglise." She says that she is always guided by heavenly voices that accompany her, and which speak to her most often amongst the bells—the voices of "her saints." And when the priests cry out that this is sacrilege, she exclaims: "Mes saintes! Sonts-elles done des demons?" As nothing can be extracted from her, it is decided to put her to the question, and the executioners come in. Jeanne is seated on the block, and the thumbscrews are about to be applied, when the Queen almost faints with horror, and Bedford starting up, rushes across the court and scatters the torturers, to pick up Jeanne in his arms. We then see Jeanne in her prison cell, with three brutal gaolers; and again she is saved from their clutches by Bedford. He tells her with infinite gentleness that there is only one way to save her life: that the University of Paris has condemned her to be burned at the stake unless she recants her errors. Whilst he is talking, Bishop Cauchon and the inquisitors come to read her the death warrant. Cauchon tries to save her, and induce her to sign the recantation. They work so adroitly on her feelings that at last she cries that she cannot bear the thought of the heaps of wood and the flames, and for a brief moment feminine weakness overcomes her. "Je ne brulerai pas!" and the Bishop swears "Je le jure sur le Christ." So she signs with a cross. Scarcely has she done so when the Angelus rings. Again there is a magni-ficent piece of stage setting. All the actors watch Jeanne, as she stands transfigured with uplifted arms and eyes and listens to the voices of "her saints." Then the bell ceases and she seizes the paper and tears it to pieces. All that she asks now is a "long robe and a confessor."

FORTITUDE IN DEATH.

Her enemies withdraw triumphant, and she is left alone with Bedford. He uses every argument in vain to move her. He pictures the yelling mob, the piled up faggots on which she will have to climb to be bound to the stake, the long torment that will be unendurable even for strong men to look upon. She answers that with her crucifix at her lips she will hear and see nothing. If the pile is high and the torment long it will be worse for those who placed her there than for her. Bedford in despair falls at her feet, a broken, black heap of clothes, with an ashen face, as the curtain falls. The last act shows a room in the home of the Grand Bailiff at Rouen overlooking the market place where the execution is to take place. The Queen and the little King are there in white, Bedford in emerald velvet, the Inquisitor in scarlet, Warwick in armour, and all the bishops and priests in gorgeous robes. Outside is the hum of a great crowd, and inside is almost silence, broken by a priest who has confessed Jeanne and given a false version of what she said. He is seized with remorse, and hurls the Judas gold he has received at the feet of Warwick, who is angrily trying to encourage all around to believe that they are doing right. Then Jeanne is heard to arrive outside. The Queen describes her all dressed in white and, shuddering at the scene, draws the King from the window. Suddenly the stage is filled with smoke rising from the pyre below that has been lighted. Bedford now becomes half-wild with rage and sorrow, and shouts out his remorse, mingled with imprecations on all concerned in this ghastly mockery of justice, and the piece closes with his ravings overpowering the general tumult. "Le Proces de Jeanne d'Arc" undoubtedly has the elements of a fine play, and is magnifi-cently played and staged by Mme. Bernhardt. It is, however, very uneven in its action, and the interest is too split up amongst the various actors, who in turn take leading parts that are hardly justifiable. This does not apply to Jeanne and Bedford, but with regard to the rest it is difficult to understand who is really pulling the strings, and why. Mme. Bernhardt again had a signal triumph as a weaker and more human Jeanne d'Arc, but M. de Max overacted his part throughout, both in voice and gesture. The other men's "roles" were very well filled, and Mlle. Marie Louise Derval made a beautiful and truly regal Queen Catherine. It is certainly a piece to be seen by those who like to live over again moments of French and English history.

THE SOCIETY OF AUTHORS' LETTER.

Perhaps the most notable thing says a London correspondent in connexion with the recent letter of the Dramatic Committee of the Society of Authors is the fact that it embodies the unanimous conclu-sions of a group of individuals otherwise so diverse in their views and sentiments. When Sir Arthur Pinero, Mr. Henry Arthur Jones, Mr. Jerome K. Jerome, Mr. Cecil Raleigh and Mr. Bernard Shaw all agree upon any one point it may truly be said that their unanimity is wonderful and such being the case it is obvious that their joint recommenda-tions are all the more deserving of respectful con-sideration. One point which they make certainly seems sound enough—namely the unsatisfactory state of affairs which would arise if landlords were empowered to compel their lessees to produce only such plays as had been passed by the Censor. For in this case, as the Committee point out, nearly all theatrical landlords would probably impose this condition for their own protection, and the suggested optional Censorship would prove in practice, therefore, a delusion and a snare. At the same time it is rather difficult to see how landlords could be restrained from letting their theatres on these terms if they wished to do this. The Com-mittee suggest that they should be prevented by an express enactment, but this seems scarcely a prac-tical proposition. More reasonable is the suggestion that in no circumstances should a landlord be pena-lised for the fault of his tenant. As the Committee put it, it is the man, not the building, that does the harm; and if a punishable play is produced the author and the lessee responsible for the production of the piece are those who should be punished, not the landlord. Otherwise the latter would tend to become a reactionary force more formidable even than the Censor.

THE FAIRY PLAY.

The increasing popularity of the fairy or fantastic play as distinguished from the pantomime proper is a sign of the times worth nothing. This year there will be, among other productions of this class, "Where Children Rule" at the Garrick, "Pinkie and the Fairies" at His Majesty's "Alice in Wonderland" at the Court, "The Blue Bird" at the Haymarket, and, of course, the sempiternal "Peter Pan" at the Duke of York's where delightful Miss Pauline Chase will once again resume her favourite role. With such a wealth of choice, who shall say that the youngsters are not well provided for in this matter nowadays?

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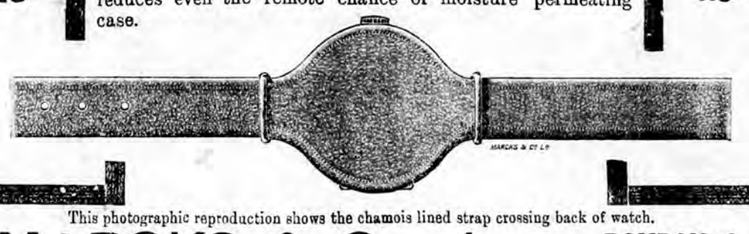

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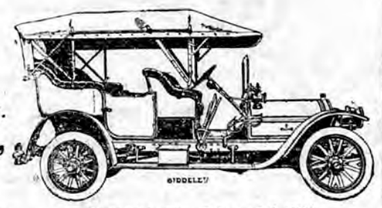

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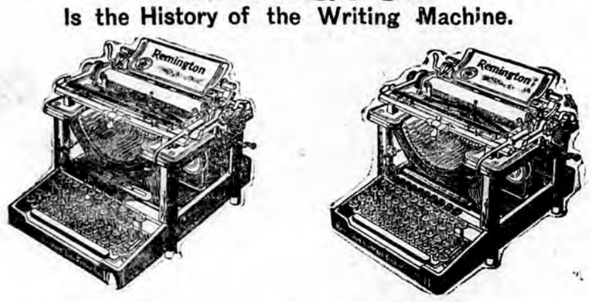

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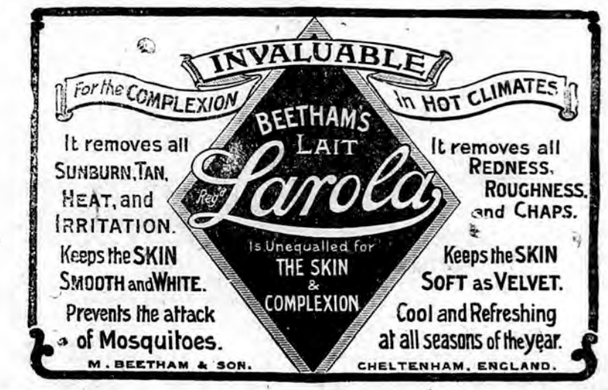

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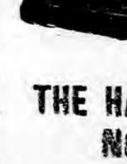

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